

Chancellor's Report



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**HISTORIC ENGINEERING
TECHNOLOGY ARTICULATION
AGREEMENT BETWEEN SOUTHERN
UNIVERSITY AT SHREVEPORT &
NORTHWESTERN STATE
UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA**

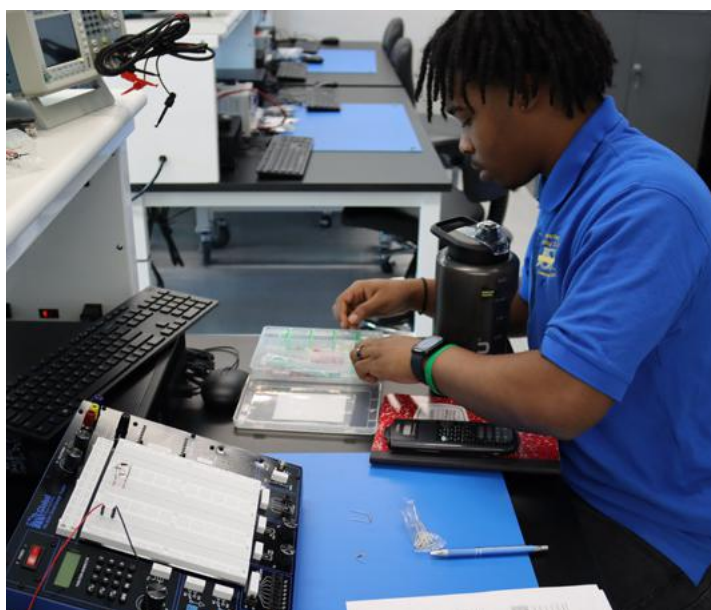
HISTORIC ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY ARTICULATION AGREEMENT SIGNED BY SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY AT SHREVEPORT & NORTHWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA



On April 11, 2023, Southern University at Shreveport (SUSLA) and Northwestern State University of Louisiana (NSU) entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for a cooperative articulation agreement to accept graduates of SUSLA's Associate of Applied Science Degree program in Engineering Technology (Electrical and Computer Engineering Concentration) by transferring 60 credit hours toward NSU's Bachelor of Science in Electronics Technology. SUSLA and NSU share the goal of developing a regional partnership by providing collaboration and commitment with industry partners by securing employment for program completers.



The signing ceremony was witnessed by the delegation representing NSU, President, Dr. Marcus Jones, Provost, Dr. Greg Handel, Dean of Arts and Science, Francene Lemoine, and Interim Department Head of Engineering and Technology, Dr. Shahriar Hossain as well as the delegation representing SUSLA, Interim Chancellor, Dr. Vladimir Appeaning, Interim Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs and Workforce Development, Dr. Lonnie McCray, Interim Dean of BSTEM, Mrs. Vanessa White and Department Head of Engineering & Technology, Dr. Kenie Moses. Contributing to the success of the ceremony were the following: B-STEM Academic Advisor/Engineering Technology Project Manager, Brandon Lacey, Sr., Director of Grants and Sponsored Programs, Stephanie Graham, Grants Coordinator, DeNesia Anderson, Executive Assistant to the Chancellor, Mrs. Linzola Winzer, and Department of Engineering and Technology dual major student, Mr. Jacob Tellis.





Signing Ceremony

**Tuesday, April 11, 2023
2:00PM-3:00PM**

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Agreement between Southern University at Shreveport Louisiana (SUSLA) Associate of Applied Science in Engineering Technology AND Northwestern State University of Louisiana (NSULA) Bachelor of Science in Electronics Engineering Techology

**3050 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive * Shreveport, La 71107
Alphonse Jackson Building**



SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY AT SHREVEPORT & NORTHWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY



ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)



Signing Ceremony

**APRIL 11, 2023 | 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM
ALPHONSE JACKSON, JR. BUILDING**

Agenda

- Opening Remarks.....Mr. Brandon Lacey - Master of Ceremony
BSTEM Academic Advisor
- Welcome.....Dr. Kenie Moses
Department Head-Engineering & Technology
Assistant Professor of Engineering & Technology
- RemarksDr. Marcus Jones
President of Northwestern State University
Dr. Vladimir Appeaning
Interim Chancellor, Southern University at Shreveport

~~~~~ Signing of Memorandum of Understanding ~~~~~

Lab Tours.....Department of Engineering & Technology

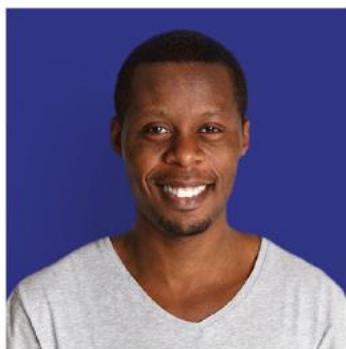
Lunch Served  
*(Jackson Building Atrium)*

## SUSLA'S DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM PARTNERS WITH GIVE KIDS A SMILE AND MILES FOR SMILES IN 4TH ANNUAL HEART FOR DENTISTRY EVENT



# Heart For Dentistry

— A FREE DENTAL CARE EVENT



**SAT APRIL 15TH | 9 AM-3 PM**

## SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY AT SHREVEPORT

3050 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DRIVE  
SHREVEPORT, LA 71107



ADA American Dental Association®



On Saturday, April 15, 2023, Southern University at Shreveport's Dental Hygiene Program is partnering with Miles for Smiles, for the fourth year, to offer free dental services to the community. Starting at 9:00 a.m., citizens can choose one treatment of a cleaning, filling, or extraction. Services will be rendered on a first-come-first-serve basis from volunteer dentists and hygienists.

Give Kids a Smile will participate again this year, providing dental education for children, along with free dental exams. They will also offer cavity-preventing fluoride treatment and have cavity-preventing dental sealants placed if recommended.

In addition to free dental services, the event will include a health fair, interactive recruiting activities spotlighting SUSLA programs, and a kid's activity zone. The mission of the event is to educate the public and promote the importance of daily, thorough dental care and overall oral health. Other corporate and community partners will also participate in the event.

Dental professionals interested in volunteering for this event, are asked to contact Dr. Jeremy Alexander ([doc@milesforsmiles.com](mailto:doc@milesforsmiles.com)) or program dean JoAnn Brown ([jwarren@susla.edu](mailto:jwarren@susla.edu)).



**SUSLA SBDC PRESENTS:**

**HOW TO START & FINANCE  
YOUR SMALL BUSINESS**

**APRIL 11**

**12:00 - 1:00 PM**

**REGISTER FOR THIS VIRTUAL TRAINING TODAY:**

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### Topics of discussion

- ✓ Business Feasibility
- ✓ Business Planning
- ✓ Sources of funds
- ✓ Small Business Resources

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## SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM RECEIVES GRANT FROM LOUISIANA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (LED): \$207K



SUSLA's Surgical Technology Program, under the direction of Coordinator Didaciane Keys, has been awarded \$206,850 from the Louisiana Community and Technical College System (LCTCS) Rapid Response Grant. This funding is made possible by the Legislature of Louisiana to assist individuals in their ability to function in the workplace, including education directed at refining or developing literacy or other basic skills; programs directed at lifelong learning or continuing education; job readiness training; vocational, technical, occupation education, or associate degree level accreditation.

The grant funds will be used to enhance and upgrade the existing Surgical Technology program at Southern University Shreveport with an Anatomage Table and provide supplies and testing fee assistance for students. SUSLA has a unique role in North Louisiana as the only two-year Historically Black College and University that educates underprepared and minority students and has demonstrated an ability to provide access and success to its customer base. SUSLA has a special niche in healthcare and a proven ability to meet the underserved where they are, academically and socially.

Surgical Technology is a 72-hour/22-month program that provides students with the knowledge and skills required to enter the field. The graduates earn an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree in Surgical Technology and can take the test to obtain the National Certification in Surgical Technology (CST). The Program is accredited by The Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP). Surgical Techs are highly trained professionals who assist in preparing patients and operating rooms for surgery and serve as an extra set of hands during surgical procedures.

# OPPORTUNITY STARTS HERE.





## SUSLA'S DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY HOSTS HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELORS LUNCHEON AT SUBR



On Friday, March 31, 2023, SUSLA, in conjunction with Southern University at Baton Rouge (SUBR), hosted its first dual-enrollment campus High School Counselor's Luncheon for the SUBR's College of Science and Engineering and SUSLA's Department of Engineering & Technology. The luncheon was held in SUBR's PBS Pinchback Hall from 11am to 1pm. The program consisted of a presentation from Thalamus Marshal, SUBR's College of Science and Engineering Recruiter and presentations from SUSLA's Dual-Enrollment Coordinator, Monica McEachin, SUSLA's B-STEM Academic Advisor, Mr. Brandon Lacey and Dr. Vahid Atashbari, SUSLA's Department of Engineering & Technology Process/Petroleum Technology Program Lead. The program consisted of a roundtable with Baton Rouge area high school counselors to discuss how the College of Science and Engineering & SUSLA's Department of Engineering & Technology can better connect with Baton Rouge area schools, and strategies we can assist to engage students through STEM initiatives. The roundtable discussions concluded with tours of SUSLA's PTEC labs located on the SUBR campus and a program ending luncheon.





# YOU'RE INVITED!!

## College of Sciences and Engineering & SUSLA'S Bridge to Connection Luncheon and Discussion

When

**March 31, 2023**  
**11 am – 1pm**

Where

**P.B.S. PINCHBACK**  
**ENGINEERING BLDG.**  
**ROOM 443**

### PURPOSE

TO DISCUSS HOW THE COLLEGE OF SCIENCES AND ENGINEERING & SUSLA CAN CONNECT WITH OUR LOCAL SCHOOLS, AND WAYS WE CAN ASSIST IN ENGAGING STUDENTS THROUGH STEM INITIATIVES.

### REGISTRATION



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PLEASE RSVP BY SCANNING THE QR CODE AND COMPLETING THE GOOGLE FORM BEFORE MARCH 24, 2023.

### OPPORTUNITIES

- STEM INITIATIVES AND COMPETITIONS
- ENGAGING ACTIVITIES
- CSE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR QUALIFYING HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO DR. AUBRA J. GANTT THE NEXT CHANCELLOR FOR SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY AT SHREVEPORT



The Southern University System unanimously approved President Dennis J. Shields' recommendation of Aubra Gantt as the next chancellor of Southern University Shreveport (SUSLA) on Friday, March 17, 2023.

Gantt, a native of Shreveport, has more than 25 years of progressive experience in postsecondary education, and has served in various state government, academic affairs, student affairs, enrollment management, and clinical behavioral and mental health positions. She currently serves as a clinician at various hospitals in Phoenix, Arizona.

Southern University System President-Chancellor Dennis J. Shields thanked the search committee for their diligence and dedication. The committee consisted of a variety of stakeholders, including student government, community workforce, SUSLA faculty and staff, city government, and alumni. "She (Gantt) is a product of Southern University and this community," said Sam Gilliam, Board member. "Southern and Shreveport are proving to be training grounds for leadership."

After the unanimous vote by the Board to approve her appointment, Gantt immediately recognized her alma maters and hometown. "It is good to be home," said Gantt, a graduate of Green Oaks High School in Shreveport. "I am an alumnus of SUSLA, Southern University Baton Rouge, and Southern University at New Orleans. All of this (career successes) is because of the foundation laid for me by the Southern University educational system."

Gantt pledged to continue SUSLA's success by enhancing partnerships, technology, and in-demand programs that prepare students for a global workforce. "When we are collaborative, committed and courageous, then we will be on our way to being unapologetically excellent," Gantt said.

Gantt began her professional educational career at SUSLA, where she served in numerous positions, including TRiO Educational Talent Search counselor and Registrar. She served as dean of enrollment management at Scottsdale Community College in the Maricopa Community College District, one of the largest two-year college systems in the nation.

Gantt is the founding vice president for academic outreach and student success at the Tarrant County College (TCC) Connect Campus in Fort Worth, Texas, one of the most comprehensive community colleges in the nation. She also served as registrar at the TCC Northwest Campus for 13 years.

With 15 years of college teaching and counseling experience, Gantt has served as an adjunct instructor at TCC; Tarleton State University in Fort Worth, Texas; and Grand Canyon University in Phoenix, Arizona. Gantt holds a bachelor's degree in liberal studies from Southern University and A&M College in Baton Rouge; a master's degree in social work from Southern University at New Orleans, and a doctorate of education in higher education administration from the University of North Texas in Denton, Texas.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO DR. KENIE MOSES ON RECEIVING THE SUSLA 2023 ABOVE AND BEYOND AWARD

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The “Above and Beyond” Award was established to help inspire and motivate Southern University employees to reach their maximum performance. One award is presented at the SUS Board of Supervisors meeting each month. This award honors outstanding achievements in the workplace, exceptional contributions toward efficiency and effectiveness of operations, special efforts in promoting workforce excellence, or outstanding service to the University community and constituents.

Dr. Moses serves as Professor and Head of the Department of Engineering & Technology at Southern University at Shreveport (SUSLA) whose career at SUSLA started in 2019. The two-time Southern University alumnus is the “Above and Beyond” Award recipient for March 2023. As a testament to Dr. Moses’ hard work and dedication to Southern University and its students, the Department developed and established an Engineering Technology degree program with concentrations and more than six certificate of technical studies programs representative of industry needs. To ensure that the Department is comprehensive in its approach to reaching as many minds as possible, Dr. Moses and his team created the STEM Summer Enrichment Academy (SSEA) which is an 8-week STEM-based, curriculum-guided, Summer program for youth in grades 8-12 which provides hands-on activities and training certificates upon completion.

In addition to his role as Department Head, Dr. Moses also serves as the Project Coordinator for STEM Grant Initiatives and manages numerous grants in the STEM area. Over the course of Dr. Moses’ tenure at SUSLA, he and his team has been instrumental in securing a number of local, state, and federal grants for the Department of Engineering and Technology as well as other departments at SUSLA totaling over \$4,000,000.

Dr. Moses is the proud father of Erick and Ja’Kyra Rye, both alumni of Southern University at Shreveport. In addition, Dr. Moses’ sister and brother, Jackie and Chad Moses, are also alumni of Southern University at Shreveport.

# SUSLA'S DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY HOSTS HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELORS LUNCHEON



On Monday, March 6, 2023, SUSLA hosted its first High School Counselor’s Luncheon for the Department of Engineering & Technology in collaboration with SUSLA’s Office of Dual Enrollment, TRiO Upward Bound, and The Williams Center for Undergraduate Achievement. The luncheon was held in Alphonse Jackson from 11am to 1pm which consisted of a presentation from each organization represented, lab tours and a program ending luncheon. The High Schools represented at the luncheon included: Booker T. Washington, Evangel Christian Academy, Green Oaks, Huntington, Lincoln Prep, Northwood, Southwood High Schools with over 15 high school counselors and over 40 participants in attendance. Counselors in attendance learned about the dual-enrollment opportunities that are now available through SUSLA’s Department of Engineering & Technology. Through the Department, high school students may obtain:

- A Certificate of Technical Studies in Engineering
- An Associates of General Studies in Pre-Engineering
- An Associates of Applied Science in Engineering Technology with concentrations in Electrical & Computer Engineering Technology, Industrial Engineering Technology or Process/ Petroleum Technology





# SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY AT SHREVEPORT

## Department of Engineering & Technology

### COUNSELOR'S LUNCHEON

**MARCH 6, 2023 | 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM**  
**ALPHONSE JACKSON BUILDING**

### *Agenda*

- Welcome.....Dr. Lonnie McCray  
Interim Vice Chancellor  
Academic Affairs & Workforce Development
- Ms. Vanessa White  
Dean, Division of BSTEM
- Occasion.....Mr. Brandon Lacey  
Project Manager, Project EaT
- Dual Enrollment.....Ms. Monica McEachin  
Dual Enrollment Coordinator
- TRiO Upward Bound.....Dr. Jacoby Tubbs  
Executive Director, ETS & UB
- The Williams Center.....Mr. Ted Scott  
Director, The Williams Center
- Engineering & Technology....Dr. Kenie Moses  
Department Head-Engineering & Technology

Question & Answer Session | Door Prizes  
Engineering & Technology Lab Tour  
Lunch Mixer



FUNDED BY NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION ATE AWARD NUMBER 2055480

## NATIONAL CENTER FOR CONSTRUCTION, EDUCATION, AND RESEARCH (NCCER): SUSLA & THE HOUSING AUTHORITY FOR THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT PARTNERSHIP



The Housing Authority for the City of Shreveport (HACS) in collaboration with the City of Shreveport Community Development, Southern University at Shreveport along with a host of partners seek to prepare at-risk and out-of-school youth ages 16-24 residing in Caddo Parish for the world of work and to be equipped with the resources to earn a livable wage through the YouthBuild Shreveport Program (YBS).

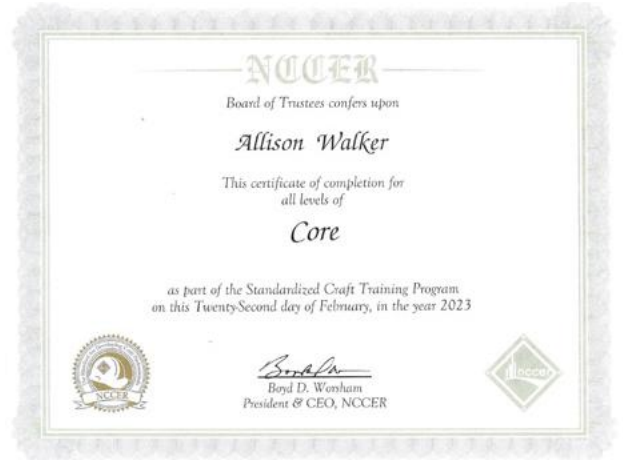
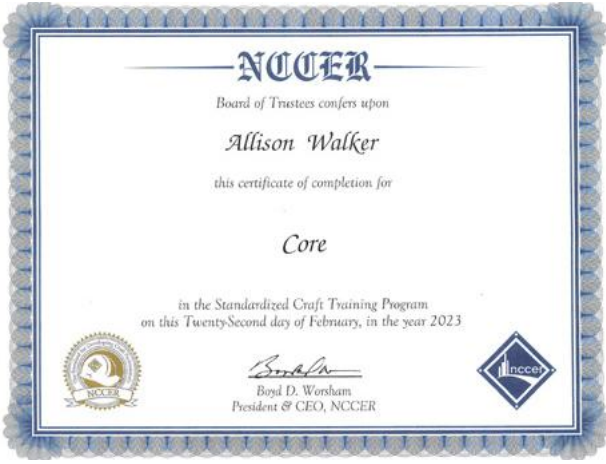
The program provides occupational training opportunities to Shreveport youth including the chance to earn their high school equivalency diploma (HiSET) through non-traditional classroom experiences and service-learning projects. Students gain valuable workforce skills, knowledge, abilities, and certifications in apprenticeship programs focused on entry-level construction skills. The YouthBuild Shreveport program rewards participants for their service with stipends, provides leadership opportunities, and creates pathways to postsecondary education and job placement referrals. YBS will educate and train 84 youth who are high school dropouts, adjudicated youth, academically underserved, and economically disadvantaged.

The Southern University at Shreveport Department of Workforce Development (SUSLA WD) in partnership with the Housing Authority of the City of Shreveport (HACS) provides construction trades training opportunities for at-risk youth to advance their education and economic prospects. Dr. John K. Galiotos, Dean of Workforce Development and Associate Professor of Chemistry, who is the Project PI, and his team members Mr. Sherman Vogel Construction Instructor and Mr. Denis Holmes EPA Program Instructor ensure that the students will be safely and effectively trained, and skills certified for jobs in the building and construction industries.

Currently, the training for NCCER certified skills validation and credentialing is in its second cohort with 12 students. Already, 12 cohort students have successfully completed the first 12 – week construction program. The SUSLA WD - HACS project provides Core Training in construction technology. Students completed NCCER requirements testing and profile performance skills and competencies on safely utilization of hand and power tools employed in construction industries.

Students have renovated two buildings, which include the main office building and the large shop. The main building includes an instructional area and a computer lab. The large shop area renovated consist of painting, setting up the tool crib, building a lumber rack, build a stationary cut off saw, build a portable multiple tool station, renovate a residential wiring training unit, and laid out safety zones for stationary tools and lecture areas according to OSHA regulations. Additionally, students received 10 hrs. OSHA and 4 hrs. CPR/First Aid training and certification credentials. These additional skills make them better prepared for careers in construction technology related jobs.

Graduating students: Trevion Simmons, Tim Christian, Brian Morris, and Jaylon Bridgewater will be placed this April at Calumet Industries. Other students, who are currently employed part-time by HACS, are Cartes Thomas and Sylvester Harp.







# SUSLA HOSTS HIGHER EDUCATION PANEL & CAMPUS TOUR FOR THE GREATER SHREVEPORT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE — 2023 LEADERSHIP CLASS



**HIGHER EDUCATION LEADERSHIP PANEL:**  
SUSLA — Dr. Vladimir A. Appeaning, *Interim Chancellor*  
BPCC — DR. Holly Hart, *Provost/VC of Academic Affairs & Institutional Effectiveness*  
Centenary College — Dr. Karen Soul, *Provost*  
LSUS — Dr. Larry Clark, *Chancellor*





MS KICK HOSTS THEIR APRIL'S FIRST SUNDAY BRUNCH IN THE COMMUNITY FEATURING TENANT, SASSI CATERING WITH CHEF B



# KICK'N' IT FOR BRUNCH

APRIL 2ND | 11 AM-3 PM  
 (FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH)

1210 MILAM STREET, SHREVEPORT, LA 71101

*Featuring Sassi Catering featuring Chef B*



Monique Armand, Interim Executive Director  
 Milam Street Kitchen Incubator & Community Kitchen  
 318.670.9780 | mskick@susla.edu

# CONGRATULATIONS TO LINZOLA WINZER ON BEING HONORED AS ONE OF SU LEADING LADIES FOR WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH 2023



Vladimir A. Appeaning, Ph.D.  
Interim Chancellor



Office of the Chancellor

March 13, 2023



To Whom It May Concern,

**RE: Ms. Linzola Dudley Winzer**

It gives me great pleasure to wholeheartedly endorse the inclusion of Ms. Winzer as a member of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Cohort of SU Leading Ladies representing Southern University at Shreveport (SUSLA).

Ms. Winzer is most deserving of this recognition. As you well know, Ms. Winzer currently serves as the Executive Assistant to the Chancellor at Southern University at Shreveport. She has held administrative assistant positions in the banking corporation, gaming industry and the higher educational area which has equipped her with experience in the executive arena. Ms. Winzer has served SUSLA with excellence for sixteen years. In chronological order, she has served and assisted a total four (4) Chancellors during her tenure at SUSLA:

- Dr. Ray L. Belton (Chancellor)
- Mr. Albert Gilliam (Interim Chancellor)
- Dr. Rodney Ellis (Chancellor)
- Dr. Vladimir Appeaning (Interim Chancellor)

Each Chancellor presented their own personalities and work ideas, but she was able to adapt and serve the Office of the Chancellor with dedication and commitment. Ms. Winzer needs very little direct supervision and demonstrates a high degree of self-governing judgment and initiative in determining the correct approach/action to take in routine and non-routine assignments. For example, during the COVID-19 pandemic, Ms. Winzer was one of the few staff members who often worked on-campus, on-site to ensure the campus operated seamlessly.

Ms. Winzer is a sixteen (16) year Breast Cancer Survivor. Shortly after her arrival at SUSLA in 2007, she was diagnosed with stage three (3) Breast Cancer. Once she got stronger, she would often come to work after treatment, because she didn't want to stay home feeling sorry for herself. Since her remission and recovery, she has been an advocate for Breast Cancer Awareness on campus, at her Church and in her community.

Finally, Ms. Winzer is the youngest of eleven (11), born in Minden Louisiana to Mr. Silas Dudley Sr. and Mrs. Sylvan Hudson Dudley, both deceased. She was raised by her oldest brother and sister-in-law, Reverend Silas Dudley Jr., now deceased and Mrs. Hazel Dudley. Ms. Winzer is the mother of three (3) son's Leonard T. Winzer (Shreveport), Dustin P. Winzer (Shreveport) and Edwin D. Winzer (Atlanta) and the grandmother of five (5) grandchildren namely: Najae Winzer, Zarie Winzer, Leonard T. Winzer, Jr., D'Covan Winzer, and Kaylin Winzer. She is a proud member of the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, Shreveport, La where the Reverend Reginald G. Reid Sr. is Pastor.

Sincerely,

**Vladimir Alexander Appeaning, Ph.D.**  
Interim Chancellor  
AND SU System Vice President

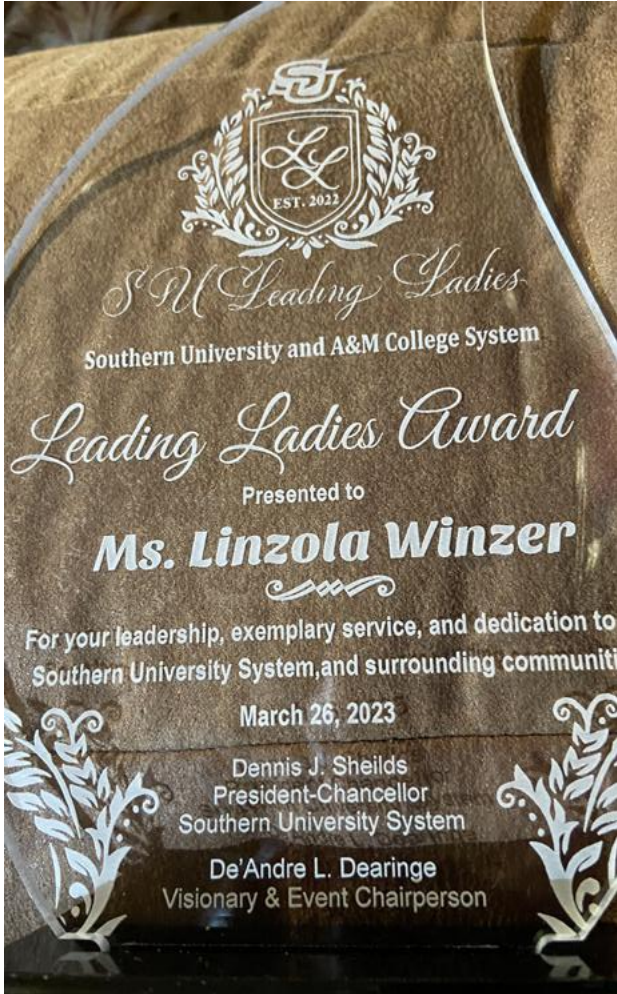
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# CONGRATULATIONS TO LINZOLA WINZER ON BEING HONORED AS ONE OF SU LEADING LADIES FOR WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH 2023 (CONTINUED)



## SUSLA'S FACULTY & STAFF RECOGNIZED AS THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR STAFF AND ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (NISOD) EXCELLENCE AWARD RECIPIENTS



Southern University at Shreveport is proud to announce its recipients of the annual NISOD Excellence Awards. The 2023 honorees include: JoAnn Brown, Dean of Allied Health; Wilford Claville, Biology Instructor; Lynne Eatman, Director of Dental Hygiene; Anjelica Hart, Psychology Instructor; Sherman Houston, Instructor/Coordinator of History; Terri Johnson, Dental Hygiene Clinical Coordinator; Shannon Levingston, Training Coordinator; Kenie Moses, Engineering and Technology Department Head; Carolyn O'Neal, Special Assistant (Academic Affairs); Jane O'Riley, Librarian; Gwendolyn Tennell, Assistant Director of E-Learning; Shirley Vides, Chemistry Professor; and Colton Wiggins, Polysomnography Program Director.

NISOD's Excellence Awards recognize men and women each year who have demonstrated an outstanding commitment and contribution to their students and colleagues. In 1989, in connection with a University of Texas at Austin national study of teaching excellence, NISOD hosted its first ceremony honoring NISOD Excellence Award recipients. The response to that ceremony was so positive that NISOD began what has become the largest and most inspiring gathering that recognizes the contributions and achievements of community and technical college faculty, administrators, and staff.

Excellence Award recipients are recognized during NISOD's annual International Conference on Teaching and Leadership Excellence, May 27-30, 2023. Excellence Awards recipients receive a specially cast, pewter medallion hung on a burnt-orange ribbon. The names, titles, and colleges of all Excellence Award recipients are included in a special booklet that features congratulatory ads from many of the recipients' colleges.

"Recognizing those individuals who have contributed to student success and their colleges' mission is something we look forward to doing each year," said Dr. Edward J. Leach, NISOD's Executive Director. "The extraordinary work of these men and women includes not only what they do for their students and colleagues, but what they do for the communities in which they live and work. We're honored to be able to play a part in celebrating their achievements."

# THE ALL OF US RESEARCH GRANT HEALTH & WELLNESS PROGRAM VISITS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY AT SHREVEPORT



Shreveport native and National Football League (NFL) player of the Philadelphia Eagles Greedy Williams visited Southern University at Shreveport (SUSLA) on Tuesday, March 29th, and Wednesday, March 30th, 2023, as part of the *All of Us* Journey Tour. He was the *All of Us* Research Program (AoU) spokesperson. Williams spent both days engaging with faculty, staff, administrators, students, and the public encouraging them to live healthier lifestyles through better eating habits, daily exercise routines, regular medical check-ups with their physicians, and participating in healthy social activities. Greedy Williams also stressed to the audience the importance of staying mentally fit.

SUSLA is one of the Community and Provider Gateway Initiative (CPGI) partners of the *All of Us* Research Program under the leadership of Yvette Allen, Engagement Manager for the program and Transfer Advisor of TRiO Student Support Services. The research program is dedicated to enrolling millions or more African Americans and other people of color by collecting data to begin a new medical research and treatment era, including individualized healthcare. Leaders with the AoU said that Greedy Williams is the perfect person to help them spread the word. Williams says he's proud to be part of something different and great.

Southern University at Shreveport Interim Chancellor Dr. Vladimir Appeaning said he was proud to see the *All of Us* Journey on campus. He also stated, "When you look at him up and down, why is he a top-notch prospect? He is not only physically in tune, peak condition, mental health, physical emotion, psychological emotion, and that's what we're promoting today," said Dr. Vladimir Alexander, interim chancellor at SUSLA. "He epitomized that which we stand for, an African American male who epitomizes the best in our society. We're excited to promote the best in terms of our physical, emotional, psychological, and mental well-being right here in the ArkLaTex."



# SUSLA'S DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS & ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT HOSTS SUMMER/FALL 2023 REGISTRATION

DESTINATION — COMPLETE REGISTRATION



# SUMMER/FALL 2023 REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

### SUMMER/FALL 2023 VIRTUAL REGISTRATION

APRIL 5, 2023 | 9 AM-5 PM

VIA ZOOM (Meeting ID: 958 3321 5615, Passcode: Register23)

### SUMMER/FALL 2023 POP-UP REGISTRATION

APRIL 12, 2023 | 11 AM-2 PM

JOHNNY L. VANCE STUDENT CENTER

### SUMMER/FALL 2023 ON-SITE REGISTRATION

APRIL 19, 2023 | 9 AM-5 PM

LEONARD C. BARNES ADMINISTRATION BLDG.

### SUMMER/FALL 2023 VIRTUAL REGISTRATION

APRIL 26, 2023 | 9 AM-7 PM

VIA ZOOM (Meeting ID: 958 3321 5615, Passcode: Register23)



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# REGISTRATION

# 24/7 ONLINE

## SUSLA Summer 2023 Registration is **NOW OPEN!**

Please email the point of contact below for an advising session.

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