

Chancellor's Report



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THE COMMUNITY EDUCATION FOR LIFE TRANSITION (CELT) PROGRAM CELEBRATES STUDENT GRADUATE, MISS MEGAN CRUTCHFIELD



The Community Education for Life Transition Program (CELT) is an initiative serving young adults, ages 18-22 with mild to moderate disabilities. CELT, held in collaboration with Green Oaks and Southern University at Shreveport Louisiana (SUSLA), provides the opportunity for young adults to grow and learn critical skills while gaining their independence.

Through the CELT Program, we prepare and aid students in transitioning successfully into age-appropriate peer/role models. Students are afforded the opportunity to participate in various academic classes on SUSLA's campus. Learning encompasses managing schedules independently and maintaining some academic training and life skills, which will help them transition into adult-focused responsibilities.

In the classroom, our students are supported extensively by the teacher, para, trained support staff, and SUSLA student volunteers. CELT students receive one-on-one advising in addition to team-based project learning. Creating a space with dynamic learning and engagement. We hope that these opportunities give students the tools they need to improve their overall quality of life as they transition into adulthood.

Each year CELT students participate in SUSLA's graduation ceremony. This year we celebrate Miss Crutchfield, CELT Class of 2022.

Congratulations Miss Megan Crutchfield!



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2022 SUSLA GRADUATES — WELCOME TO THE JAGUAR NATION



Southern University at Shreveport (SUSLA) had a lot to celebrate at this Spring's Commencement. Nearly 250 graduates walked the stage, including a mother and son duo. Commencement took place on Wednesday, May 11, 2022 at the Municipal Auditorium in Shreveport.

This year's Commencement Speaker was Southern University System Board Member, the Honorable Mr. Sam Albert Gilliam who currently chairs the Academic Affairs Committee and Facilities Committee on the Southern University System Board of Supervisors. Board Member Gilliam, delivered a powerful and profound message to the graduates.

To watch the full commencement, visit our YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/SUShreveport>.



SUSLA SHOWS EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION WITH A JAGUAR FAMILY REUNION



On Friday, May 6, 2022, the Human Resource Office along with the Office of the Chancellor held a faculty and staff appreciation cookout. The theme for the event was: "A SUSLA Family Reunion". This event marked the end of the spring semester and was an opportunity to show our appreciation to faculty and staff.

The theme was selected to represent the full return to campus and to promote a spirit of comradery moving forward. The event provided an opportunity for employees to meet co-workers for the first time and reconnect with others.

1. Vegetarian food options were available (employees felt included).
2. Door prizes given.
3. Music & games.
4. Good employee turnout.
5. Employees offered to volunteer for next year's event.
6. Donations from Coca-Cola.
7. Held on campus.

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY AT SHREVEPORT ATTENDS HBCU DAY AT THE CAPITOL



PICTURED (L TO R): SUAREC CHANCELLOR MCMEANS, DR. KATARA WILLIAMS, SU SYSTEM CHIEF OF STAFF, SUNO CHANCELLOR, DR. AMMONS, BOARD OF REGENTS COMMISSIONER DR. KIM HUNTER REED, SULC CHANCELLOR PIERRE, SU SYSTEM PRESIDENT DR. RAY L. BELTON, AND SUSLA INTERIM CHANCELLOR, DR. VLADIMIR A. APPEANING



PICTURED: DR. APPEANING, SUSLA RURAL RECRUITER ALANA STEVENSON, ALONG WITH STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION MEMBERS INCLUDING MISS SUSLA-ELECT TAMIA WILLIAMS AND SGA MEMBERS



PICTURED: DR. APPEANING ALONG WITH THE UPCOMING 2022-2023 STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

CONGRATULATIONS TO DR. VERONICA MCEACHIN ON RECEIVING THE 2022 INSTITUTIONAL STEWARDSHIP AWARD BY MERLOT (MULTIMEDIA EDUCATIONAL RESOURCE FOR LEARNING AND ONLINE TEACHING)



The HBCU Leadership Team, of which Dr. Veronica McEachin of Southern University of Shreveport is a member, was announced as one of the of the 2022 Institutional Stewardship Award Recipient by MERLOT (Multimedia Educational Resource for Learning and Online Teaching). The Institutional Stewardship Award recognizes efforts to promote MERLOT at an institutional level. MERLOT seeks to identify models that can be used to sustain support for MERLOT, as well as demonstrate its value. Recipients of the award are judged by the MERLOT Management Team.

The HBCU Leadership Team have promoted and supported MERLOT's use in Affordable Learning Solutions Initiatives for Historically Black Colleges and Universities. Their on-going work will result in quality materials that can be used and revised to suit students in all HBCUs. Working together, they are building a cultural collection of over 500 open educational resources about issues related to diversity, equity, and inclusion, surrounding the histories of HBCUs, HBCU leaders, and Black History Month.

Dr. Veronica McEachin is the Associate Vice Chancellor of Academic Innovation at SUSLA. Congratulations on this huge achievement!



TRiO'S DUAL ENROLLMENT PROGRAM HOSTS ORIENTATION BY WELCOMING STUDENTS AND PARENTS TO THE JAGUAR ACADEMY

Jaguar Academy allows for our TRiO participants to receive a collegiate jump-start while in high school. Too often, because our participants are not afforded an opportunity to earn college credit while in high school, the academic achievement gap is widening. Jaguar Academy, however, ensures our participants are provided an equitable academic pre-collegiate experience while in high school. "Participation in Jaguar Academy aligns academic content with cultural exposure to eliminate the academic barriers often faced by TRiO participants," says Danielle Anderson, TRiO Dual Enrollment Chair.

The Jaguar Academy orientation held on May 5, 2022, welcomed TRiO participants and parents to SUSLA from five different Northwest Louisiana parishes. During the orientation, participants and parents were introduced to their Summer 2022 instructors and courses. For TRiO participants, Jaguar Academy also has an aim to ease the transition from high school to college. The academic rigors and non-cognitive skills gained as a Jaguar Academy participant provide meaningful academic experiences, free of charge. Jaguar Academy participants are exposed to the SUSLA environment, including SUSLA student services such as the library, and computer labs. All TRiO participants are encouraged to take advantage of this unique opportunity with Southern University at Shreveport.



TRiO AMBASSADORS GROOMED FOR PROFESSIONALISM



On May 6-7, 2022, TRiO Educational Talent Search and Upward Bound Student Ambassadors traveled to New Orleans for The Inaugural Laissez Le Bon Temps Rouler Leadership Retreat. During the retreat, TRiO Student Ambassadors participated in workshops focused on cultural enrichment, etiquette, integrity, and professionalism. Presenters for the workshops included: Kirsten McGowan (Miss Xavier University of Louisiana), Oliver Gill (Founder of Boss of the Kitchen Catering), and Tonja Whitaker-Prudhomme (The Etiquette & Leadership Academy). Outside of the workshops, TRiO Student Ambassadors were provided an opportunity to experience NOLA. The cultural experience included visiting the Natchez Steamboat cruise, the Laurel Plantation, and Cafe Du Monde.

“Although academia is our focus, we are preparing multicultural young adults for college entrance. The goal was to provide our TRiO participants with an unmatched cultural experience, and I believe we prepare and executed this inaugural trip very well,” says Zenobia Henderson, TRiO Student Ambassador Committee Chair.

TRiO'S UPWARD BOUND NORTH HOSTS CLOSING AWARD BANQUET 2021-2022 WITH THE THEME, "A STARRY NIGHT"



PICTURED (L TO R): MS. ZENOBIA HENDERSON, EDUCATIONAL ADVOCATE OF UPWARD BOUND NORTH, JERMONTEZ JACKSON, JADEN ASHLEY, EMERIL COCKERHEM, KENYA JACKSON, MICHAELA KING, JAKYAH STEPHENSON, SHI'ASIA STEWART, AND MR. ERNEST FLOWERS, DIRECTOR OF UPWARD BOUND NORTH

Upward Bound North (UBN) celebrated the completion of the academic component on May 20, 2022, with its closing awards banquet, "A Starry Night." Each year Upward Bound participant was recognized for participating in the program throughout the academic year. Dual Enrollment and Early College UBN students were recognized for earning college credit for courses taken during 2021-2022 school year. The program also recognized our 2021-2022 Ambassadors and Upward Bound North Senior Class of 2022. UBN had a total of 10 graduating seniors and they have all accepted TRiO Upward Bound North Summer Bridge scholarships to start their college journey at Southern University at Shreveport. Seventy-five (75) Upward Bound participants and parents were in attendance.

This is another great example of how TRiO Works!

COME BE SOUTHERN.



ALL OF US RESEARCH PROGRAM & SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY MUSEUM OF ART SHREVEPORT (SUMAS) HOST A HEALTH FORUM IN HONOR OF MEN'S HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH



PICTURED (L TO R): MR. DAMEOYN WOODLEY, MR. VICTOR L. THOMAS, PROFESSOR COLTON WIGGINS, MS. JOHNETTA RHONE, GUEST SPEAKER, DR. TYMA DIXON, MRS. YUVETTE ALLEN, BLACK-BELT MARTIAL ARTIST, MR. BOBBY EDWARDS, AND FORMER SHREVEPORT CITY COUNCILMAN MR. A. WILLIE BRADFORD

Southern University at Shreveport (SUSLA), in partnership with the All of Us Research Program (AoU) and the Southern University Museum of the Art Shreveport (SUMAS), hosted the Men's Health Discussion Forum on Thursday, June 2, 2022, in the Jesse Stone Lecture Hall.

The guest speaker for the Men's Health Discussion Forum was Dr. Tymwa Dixon, a medical physician with Willis Knighton (WK) Community Health & Education Center. Mr. Victor L. Thomas served as Moderator for the event. The panelists included: Mr. A. Willie Bradford, former Shreveport City Councilman and Manager of Willis Knighton (WK) Community Health & Education Center, Mr. Dameoyn Woodley, Assistant Director of Records and Registration at SUSLA, and Professor Colton Wiggins, Director of the Polysomnography Technology Program at SUSLA.

Dr. Dixon and the panelists engaged with the audience with conversations regarding medical conditions that affected men, such as heart disease, diabetes, mental illness, cancers, hypertension, sleeping disorders, work-related injuries, sexual malfunctions, and obesity.

Special thanks to Yvette Allen, Johnetta Rhone, and Dr. Angelique Feaster Evans for hosting a dynamic men's health forum.

DR. VERONICA MCEACHIN PROMOTES SUSLA WORLDWIDE DURING VARIOUS SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Dr. Veronica McEachin took advantage of opportunities to propel SUSLA Worldwide through various speaking engagements. She presented at the MIT Open Courseware Webinar, Online Learning Consortium (OLC) Innovate 2022 Conference, HBCU OER Spring Professional Development Webinars Series, and The Tuesday Morning Community Breakfast Group.

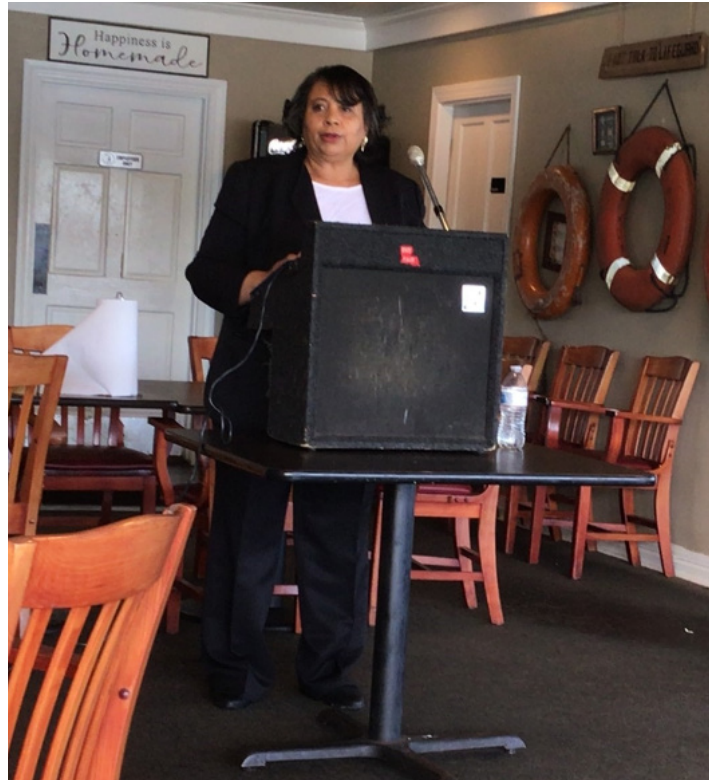
The Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) invited the HBCU Open Education Resource (OER) HUBs team, including Dr. Veronica McEachin, to speak at their MIT Open Course Ware regarding our HBCU Cultural Collection Project. Dr. McEachin serves as the HBCU OER HUB Coordinator in conjunction with other OER HUB leaders - Dr. Effua Ampadu-Moss, Dr. Deborah Chisom, and Dr. Robert O'Keefe Hassell of Tennessee State University; Dr. Arletha McSwain of Central State University,

Dr. Jean Medastin of Edward Waters University, Dr. Sanjay Sarma of MIT Open Learning, Dr. Clarissa West-White of Bethune-Cookman University, and Dr. Jacqueline McGehee of HBCU Library Network-Arkansas Baptist College. The event was led by renowned leaders, Dr. Robbie Melton, the Associate Vice President – SMART Global Technology Innovation Center, and Dr. Gerry Hanley, Executive Director, Merlot and Skills Commons. The team provided an overview of their efforts to curate and share their HBCU Affordable Learning Solutions Cultural Curation and Open Education Resources. Dr. McEachin described the event as an outstanding opportunity to join a panel of distinguished scholars to share strategies that have been implemented at HBCUs.

Dr. McEachin was invited to participate on a panel at the Online Learning Consortium (OLC) 2022 Conference. The panel consisted of representatives from Central State University, Morehouse College, Bethune Cookman University, and Tennessee State University. She shared how Southern University at Shreveport is developing online courses using Open Education Resources (OER).

Dr. McEachin was a Presenter for the HBCU OER Spring Professional Development Webinar series. She provided a webinar that provides the HBCU community with instructions on how to develop an online course using OER. Dr. McEachin shared her course development template that was created based on the Quality Matters standards. She provided instructions on how to create online courses using OER. She shared the importance of aligning course objectives, activities, and assessments when creating an online course.

Dr. McEachin also shared information about SUSLA Worldwide at the Shreveport Tuesday Morning Breakfast Group. She invited Dr. Anjelica Hart, an outstanding course developer, and Mrs. Gwendolyn Tennell, a spectacular faculty trainer, to join her at the meeting. They shared how courses are being developed using Open Education Resources for students that alleviate the need to purchase textbooks, thus, saving the students thousands of dollars. We are in the best of times; whereas, Faculty members have billions of free resources that they can use to create the course content for students to matriculate into their desired careers. The team also informed the audience of the online program and course offerings at SUSLA.



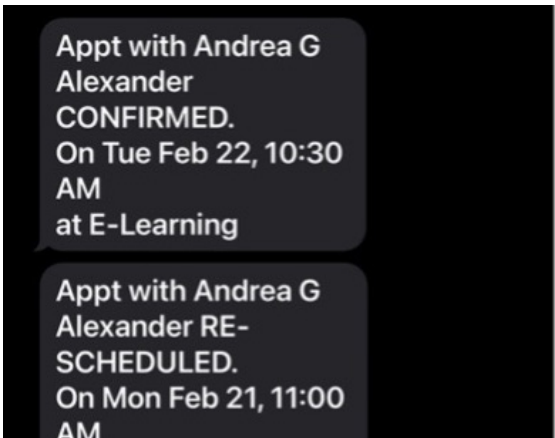
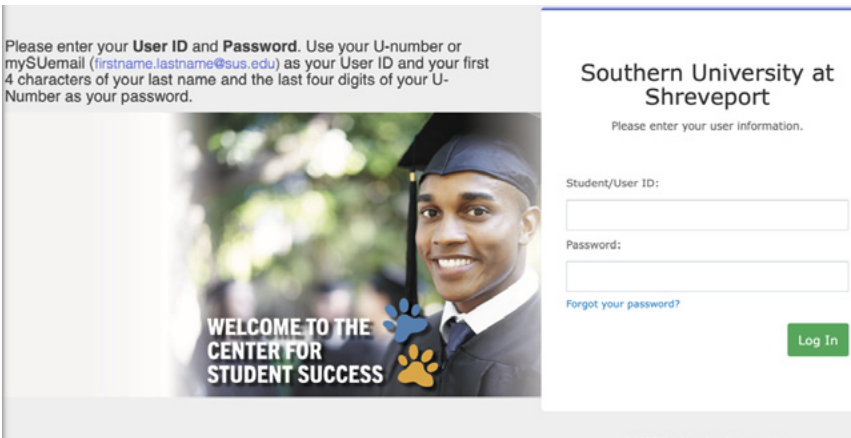
PICTURED: DR. V. MCEACHIN, ASSOCIATE VICE CHANCELLOR OF ACADEMIC INNOVATION

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR JUNE JAGUAR OF THE MONTH — MRS. YUVETTE ALLEN

Yvette Allen is an Administrator, Educator, and Tutor . Born in Kansas City, Missouri, Allen relocated to Shreveport in 1970 and was reared in the Cooper Road and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. community.

Allen launched her educational business, WriteEdU Tutoring Service, as the Owner and Lead Educator in 2017. In addition to her business, she is also the Transfer Advisor of TRiO’s Student Support Services at SUSLA. Allen earned her Master of Arts in Education in Educational Leadership/Higher Education from Ashford University and she holds a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology at from California State University at San Bernardino. Inspired by the education world, Allen’s work allows her to inspire women and students to strive for excellence with the intent to support their communities and share their knowledge.

She is an active member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc, Zeta Iota Zeta Chapter.



SUSLA’S CENTER FOR STUDENT SUCCESS & OFFICE OF E-LEARNING USES ACCUDERIA TO ENHANCE STUDENT ENGAGEMENT & EFFICIENCY

Accudemia is a cloud-based academic center management system that allows administrators and educators to track and manage student interaction, improving daily operations, and streamline record keeping and record sharing.

It has an easy-to-use interface through which administrators and students can schedule appointments online and even provide feedback about their experience. In addition to the product itself, Accudemia comes with excellent support provided via phone, email, and live online meetings.

The Accudemia platform was introduced to SUSLA through Mr. Willie Siglar II and the Center for Student Success and is now being used by both the Office of E-Learning and the SUSLA Connect program.

Each of these departments currently using Accudemia have seen the benefits primarily in the areas:

- [Scheduling Students with Appointments](#)
- [Versatile Meeting Spaces](#)
- [Activity Logs](#)
- [Student Contact](#)

While the full scope of Accudemia still leaves much room for us to explore and expand, it has already proven to be a useful tool for enhancing student engagement and efficiency.

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