



Southern University and A&M College

## CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

to the

Southern University Board of Supervisors

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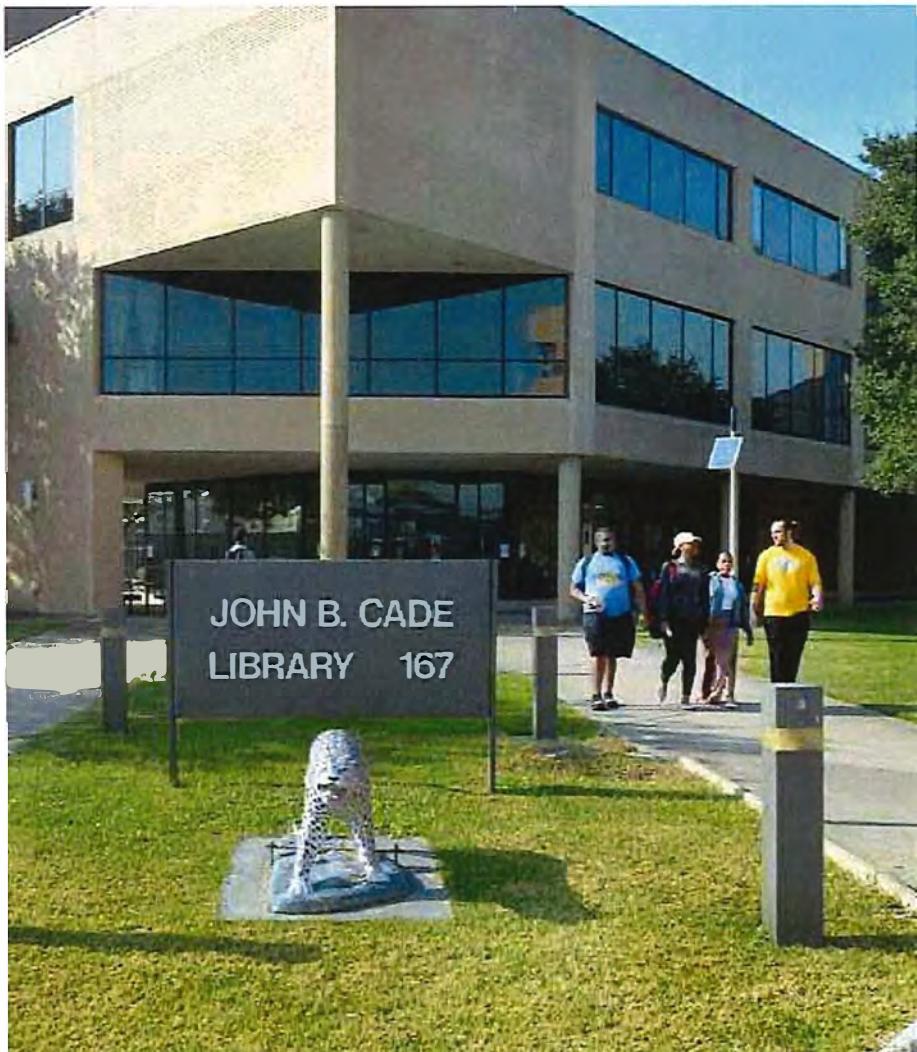
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## SU Professor Elected to Royal Society of Chemistry

Rao M. Uppu, the James and Ruth Smith Endowed professor of chemistry and environmental toxicology in the College of Sciences and Engineering at Southern University, was recently elected to the Fellowship of the Royal Society of Chemistry, Cambridge, England.

Every year, the Royal Society of Chemistry awards the Fellow designation to only a handful of distinguished professionals who have made outstanding contributions to the advancement of the chemical sciences.

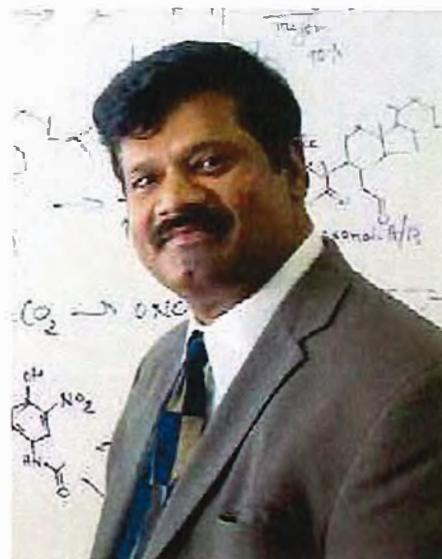
Founded in 1841, the Royal Society of Chemistry is the United Kingdom's professional body for chemical scientists and the largest organization in Europe for advancing the chemical sciences. Achieving Fellow status in the chemical profession denotes to the wider community a high level of accomplishment as a professional chemist. In addition, fellows must have been distinguished in the management of a chemical sciences organization. The list of newly elected Fellows for the year 2018 was published on page 53 of the 3rd January 2019 issue of the Times newspaper (London).

In addition to being a Fellow of the Royal Society of Chemistry, Dr. Uppu holds many accolades and titles, including

Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science; Fellow of the Academy of Toxicological Sciences; Diplomate of the American Board of Toxicology; and Board Certified Environmental Scientist (BCES) from the American Academy of Environmental Engineers and Scientists. He is a Registered Environmental Health Specialist/Registered Sanitarian (REHS/RS), premier dual credentials from the National Environmental Health Association; and has membership in CyHABs Research Consortium, a multi-university, multi-center organization aimed at promoting research on cyanobacterial harmful algal blooms in surface water and their impact on human and animal health and well-being.

These recognitions come with outstanding global contributions to the field of environmental chemistry and molecular toxicology and substantial career progression affecting the wider science community.

Dr. Uppu is internationally known for his expertise in the areas of oxidative chemistry and biology. The scientific contributions Dr. Uppu made with Dr. William Pryor on the chemistry of peroxyxinitrite in acceleration of nitration



Dr. Rao M. Uppu

and nitrosation reactions in nitric oxide-producing biological systems has redirected the focus of the free radicals field worldwide.

In addition to publishing in peer-reviewed journals and books, Dr. Uppu has trained numerous master's and doctoral students, postdoctoral fellows, and junior faculty.

## SU Responds to Water Crisis in Tensas Parish



Southern University is responding to the water crisis in Tensas Parish by initiating an on-going water collection. Dr. Cheryl Taylor, associate nursing professor and chairperson of graduate nursing programs, started the effort in December and continues to accept donations from student and community organizations.

"Our concern is for the future, the children," said Taylor. "Through this effort, we want to raise awareness to the severity of the water crisis within Louisiana."

The donation collected in the photograph will be sent to Concordia Head Start located in Clayton, Louisiana.



## SU to Establish Resource Center for Veterans

President of the Southern University System, Ray L. Belton, joined Gov. John Bel Edwards and higher education leaders for a public commitment to Louisiana veterans. The LaVetCorps Program will open 30 resource centers on campuses across the state.

All of Southern University's main campuses — Baton Rouge, Shreveport and New Orleans — joined the University

of Louisiana System, Louisiana State University System, Louisiana Community and Technical College System and Xavier University in the agreement.

"This venture is yet another opportunity to demonstrate our commitment to access and student success," said Belton during the signing held at Baton Rouge Community College. "The Southern University System campuses will have

vibrant centers that will provide the necessary tools for veterans to contribute to this great society and achieve their goals."

The LaVetCorps mission is to empower veterans, families and campus communities to help veterans returning from active-duty military service to successfully transition home to college and their local community.

"The men and women who selflessly dedicate their lives to secure the safety and freedoms of our state and nation deserve every opportunity to prepare themselves for the transition to civilian life, and I'm proud of the partnerships that will help them continue to achieve their goals," Gov. Edwards said. "This initiative will benefit both veterans and communities and thereby our state."

Today, more than 8,300 Louisiana veterans and their dependents bring in more than \$185 million in federal dollars to Louisiana's higher education campuses each year through GI Bill funding. At each LaVetCorps veteran resource center, a LDVA-trained LaVetCorps navigator, who is an AmeriCorps service member, will serve as a peer mentor to student veterans in transition, increase student veterans' access to their earned federal and state benefits, and work to build a vibrant on-campus veteran community. More than 840 LDVA employees devote each day to providing comprehensive care and quality service to veterans and their families with regard to education and benefits.



## French Consulate

Southern University hosted Mr. Vincent Sciana, the Consul General of France in Louisiana, to discuss a collaborative research endeavor with Southern University. He was joined by Nicolas Torres, attache for Education & University Affairs with the Consulate General of France. They met with key administrators at Southern including James H. Ammons, executive vice president/executive vice chancellor; and Diola Bagayoko, dean of the D.M.R. Spikes Honors College.

## Career Center Exposes Students to Potential Employers

More than 80 companies and agencies participated in Southern University (SU) Career Fair on Wednesday, Feb. 20. It was one of several activities planned for Career Week.

The week started with a resume review session. On Tuesday, students were invited to several sessions, including "Getting You Career Fair Ready," and a "Career Boot Camp." The SU Career Services Center set aside time for students to secure professional student headshots at no cost. Company interviews were scheduled on Thursday, Feb. 21.

The highlight of the week was the Career Fair. The primary objective of the Fair was to acquaint students and alumni with the various careers available for their consideration. Employers were asked to discuss in general terms the types of careers available with their organization and the necessary qualifications.

Among the sponsors of Career Week were: Essilor, Aetna, Folgers, Sasol, Enterprise, Coca-Cola and Genesisenergy. The events were planned by the SU Career Services Center whose director is Tamara Montgomery.



## Fireside Chats to Provide Open Forum for Discussion

The Office of Academic Affairs has scheduled Fireside Chats, with a focus on the freshman class, to introduce these students to the administration and to hear more about their Southern experience. The first fireside chat was March 7 in Totty Residence Hall. The next event was March 19 in Shade Residence Hall.

"I want the students to join me as we provide them with a forum to have a conversation about their first-year experience," said James H. Ammons, executive vice president/executive vice chancellor. "We want students to know that they have a group of caring and committed leaders who are willing to help them to reach their goals."

All of the Fireside Chats will take place in the residence halls, except the final session which will be in the Student Union. Food and refreshments will be served. The in-person chats also are

open to any student who would like to attend. The schedule for the remaining Fireside Chats is as follows:

White Residence Hall	March 26
Boley Residence Hall	April 2
Bradford Residence Hall	April 9
Smith-Brown Memorial Union	April 23

Students with a grievance or general questions that they would like addressed during the in-person chats are being asked to send their concerns prior to the event to [firesidechats@subr.edu](mailto:firesidechats@subr.edu).

"This gives us time to investigate the matter and address it," said Ammons, who also noted that the administration will try to answer any questions students may have during the session."

## COLLEGE UPDATES

### College of Agricultural, Family and Consumer Sciences

March is National Nutrition Month and "Café Lacumba" is OPEN! For those interested in enjoying a nutritious lunch, stop in the Café Lacumba, Room 106 P.E. Thrift Hall on Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.. Student interns in the Nutrition and Food degree Program manage the Café .

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Six students in the Department of Agricultural Sciences were recently inducted in the National Institute of Sciences.

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Students in the College of Agricultural, Family and Consumer Sciences are preparing for three major events in March and April:

- The College Research Symposium will be held on March 21st when students will share their research via oral and poster presentations.
- The College annual Students Blue and Gold Awards & Recognition Banquet will follow the Symposium on the evening of March 21, 2019.
- The highest rated research presenters will travel to the Association of the Research Directors (ARD) Conference in Jacksonville, FL, March 30-April 3. They will compete with students from other 1890 Land-Grant Universities as they share their research via oral and poster presentations.

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The College Recruitment event: Agricultural Day at Southern University is March 26. High school students spend a day on campus learning about Southern University and academic programs in the college.

### College of Nursing and Allied Health

The American Academy of Nurse Practitioners (AANP) Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) Certification Pass Rate for 2018 for the NP program is 100% (the national average Pass Rate is 85%). For both years 2017 and 2018 the school exceeded or met the national average for each of the four categories of testing: assessment, diagnosis, planning, and evaluation. The AANP FNP Certification Pass Rate for 2017 for the school's NP Program masters graduates was 97%.

Professor Wanda R. Spurlock, DNS, RN-BC, CNE, FNGNA, FAAN, was selected as the chair of the Expert Panel on Aging for the American Academy of Nursing.

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Professor and Program Leader Sandra C. Brown, DNS, APRN, FNP-BC, CNE, ANEF, FAAN, was elected to the LSU Health Science Center School of Nursing Hall of Fame.

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Professor and Program Leader Sandra C. Brown, DNS, APRN, FNP-BC, CNE, ANEF, FAAN, has been elected to the Board of Louisiana Association of Nurse Practitioners.

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Associate Professor and Chair of Graduate Nursing Cheryl Taylor, Ph.D., RN, FAAN, has received the Life-Time Achievement Award from the Acadiana Black Nurses Chapter of the National Black Nurses Association.

### Spring High School Day

Southern University Spring High School Day in February was a success. Below, parents and students peruse the displays from the various academic units.



# Enrollment Management Drawing Crowds at Recruitment Events Across the Country

## Atlanta High School Blitz

January 22 -26 Southern University Admissions team traveled to Atlanta, GA to participate in an Atlanta High School Blitz with Southern University Alumni-Atlanta Area Chapter to cover over 10 schools. Schools attended while in Atlanta were: Southwest Delkab, South Atlanta, Frederick Douglas, Booker T. Washington, and more. Southern University's team admitted students on-site and provided valuable information regarding the University.



## LOSFA Fly Tour

On February 20, the Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance (LOSFA) reached out to Southern University A&M College to host more than 400 students for its annual LOSFA Fly Tour. Students were able to take campus tours, eat in Southern University diner, learn about financial literacy, and fiscal responsibility.



## California High School Blitz

January 26 - February 2, Southern University participated in the California High School Blitz. Admissions teams, along with the Southern University California Alumni Chapter, visited several schools in Los Angeles, Compton and Mareno Valley. After the Blitz, the admissions' team attended the National Black College Expo showcasing excellence, pride, and tradition to more 5,000 students.

# New Hires in Online Learning at Southern to Help Boost Enrollment

Recently, a new director of online learning reported to work at Southern University and A&M College. The arrival of Tracy Barley is part of the university's effort to increase enrollment and support President-Chancellor Ray L. Belton's vision of creating a campus of 20,000 students by 2027.

Barley, who started Tuesday (Feb. 19, 2019), is one of two new hires in e-learning. At its January 2019 board meeting, the SU Board of Supervisors also approved the hiring of Elizabeth Louanne Bergman, the new instructional designer for the Online Program.

"We know that online learning is one of the fastest-growing methods to deliver a college degree to the masses," said James H. Ammons, executive vice president/executive vice chancellor for the Southern University System. "Consequently, we are devoting human capital as well as other resources to strengthen our offerings and enhance the efficiency of our program. By 2027, we want 20,000 students enrolled at Southern to make Dr. Belton's vision a reality. We are working to provide quality programming for our online programs that meet the needs of our students and the state's workforce."

Barley, the new director, has worked in online learning for approximately eight years in public organizations, educational institutions, and private sector industries. In the context of higher education, she has served as an instructional designer, instructor and program coordinator.

"Distance Education provides access to education to those who might otherwise not be able to attend school because of family commitments, job duties, or geography," said Barley. "The key to a successful higher education distance education program is knowing who the customers are, developing relevant degree programs and designing quality learning



Atty. Tracy Barley



Dr. Elizabeth Bergman

experiences that meet customers' needs.

Barley, who has a law degree and is pursuing her Ph.D. in leadership studies at North Carolina A&T State University, said successful programs are affordable, accessible and accelerated.

Bergman, who started working in January 2019, has a Doctorate of Education in teaching and learning and educational technology from Argosy University. Her

research focus and dissertation were on faculty involvement in the online classroom and its impact on student success. Bergman has been an online instructor for more than 15 years. Bergman served as director of Distance Education at Austin Peay State University in Tennessee and director of LSU Online at Louisiana State University prior to coming to Southern University.

She also served as an adjunct faculty member at Argosy University in Nashville teaching forensic psychology and clinical counseling through the hybrid learning model.

The Southern University System was among the first higher education system in Louisiana to have implemented a series of structured professional developments in 1999, the Southern University Virtual Weekends (SUVWs). The SUVWs were implemented to prepare faculty from the System to design and deliver online courses using a learning management system, Web Course in a Box (WCB).

The SUVWs were a faculty-led initiative from the SUBR campus, consisting of full-days immersion training held on campus during Saturdays. This initiative was fully funded through the Office of the President, Dr. Leon Tarver, who joined in during the working luncheons to interact with faculty.

The next 10 years were characterized by a national interest in educational technology adoption by higher education. Southern signed a binding contract between the Southern Board of Supervisors and Education Online Services Corp, EO Serv, outsourcing the System's online learning services and operations. The contract provided for the company to assist in developing online degree programs. The contract with EO Serv ended during the fall semester of 2016. Currently, SU is offering eight online degrees through four colleges.

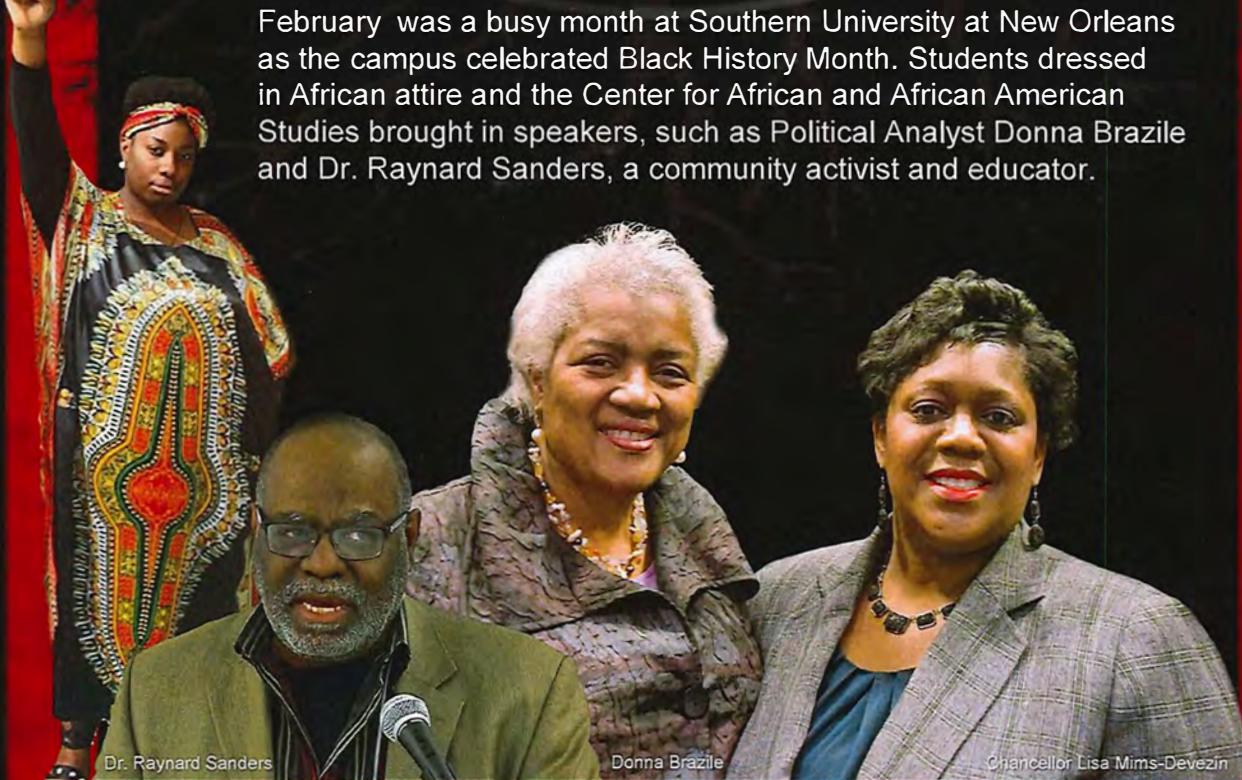
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# BLACK history month

February was a busy month at Southern University at New Orleans as the campus celebrated Black History Month. Students dressed in African attire and the Center for African and African American Studies brought in speakers, such as Political Analyst Donna Brazile and Dr. Raynard Sanders, a community activist and educator.



Dr. Raynard Sanders

Donna Brazile

Chancellor Lisa Mims-Devezin



Photos by Mark Ford

## Black History ... A Legacy of Strength

The Landry-Walker High School Choir (pictured above), under the direction of Joseph Knox, sang Negro Spirituals during the Charles Frye Memorial Lecture Program, which also featured Political Analyst Donna Brazile as the keynote speaker. The Feb. 11 event was presented by the Center for African and African American Studies (CAAAS) and co-sponsored by the Amistad Research Center and the School of Social Work.

CAAAS also presented the following Black History Month programs:

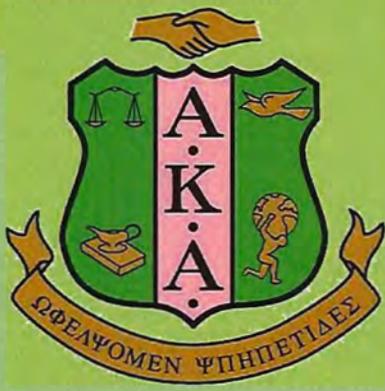
- A Feb. 18 keynote address by Dr. Raynard Sanders, a community activist and educator, on the topic: "Rallying the Community Around Public Education Reform in New Orleans."
- An Afro-Carnival Ball on Feb. 23.
- Dr. Clyde Robertson, CAAAS director, spoke at Central St. Matthew United Church of Christ Feb. 24 on the theme, "Celebrating and Cultivating Our Legacy." He also served as a panelist Feb. 21 at Tuskegee University in Alabama. The theme was "Malcolm X: Still Relevant After 54 Years."
- A Feb. 25 keynote address by Dr. Kim Vaz-Deville, associate dean of the College of Arts & Sciences at Xavier University in New Orleans, on the topic: "Remembering the History and the Cultural Impact of the 'Baby Dolls.'" Guest panelists were Connie Abdul Salaam, Diane Honoré, Marlene Kimble, Denise Trepanier and Rosalind Theodore.





Chancellor Lisa Mims-Devezin, far left, picks up the first installment of the AKA-HBCU Endowed Scholarship from AKA International President Glenda Glover, who is pictured third from left.

## AKA's Pledge \$100,000 to SUNO



Dr. Lisa Mims-Devezin, chancellor of Southern University at New Orleans (SUNO), picked up the first installment of the AKA-HBCU Endowed Scholarship. Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. (AKA), in partnership with the Educational Advancement Foundation (EAF), pledged a \$100,000 endowment last month.

On Feb. 28, 2019, Chancellor Mims-Devezin joined 31 other presidents of Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) at the Alpha Kappa Alpha International Headquarters in Chicago to accept the first installment of the institution's award.

The fund was created to assist the financial stability of HBCUs. SUNO will use the endowment funds to provide scholarships for students.

Chancellor Mims-Devezin, who is a member of the sorority, said the AKA endowment will fill an important need. "At a time when state and federal funds for higher education are dwindling, this financial boost from Alpha Kappa Alpha will help students achieve their academic goals."



The Services for Students with Disabilities department joined with the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) to promote social change in the community. The students organized and participated in a strategy to achieve social justice for individuals who are part of oppressed groups to change the stigma surrounding mental illness. Promoting mental health awareness and advocating for increased funding helps to restore individuals to live a healthy and enriching lives.

The Louisiana Board of Regents selected Southern University at New Orleans to receive 500 pounds of food for the Food Pantry housed and managed by the Services for Students with Disabilities department. The food is distributed to students, faculty and staff.



Linda Okoronkwo, a Master's of Social Work Student Intern, mobilized her friends, faculty and staff to donate toys to Toys for Tots in December. As a result, the University collected and donated a plethora of items, including dolls, Teddy bears and bikes.

# SUNO Hosts RAMP Conference



*SUNO team at 2019 RAMP Conference*

SUNO hosted the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference for Research Association of Minority Professors (RAMP) Feb. 7-9. The theme was "Issues Related to STEM." The Conference Organizing Committee members were Dr. Sherry Bachus, chair; Drs. Louise Kaltenbaugh, Joe Omojola, Michael Meehan, and Mrs. Gloria B. Moultrie.

SUNO students presented STEM and education research findings during the conference: Raven Williams, Dulaine Vining, Chelsea Brown, Trevor McIntosh, Troyionne Porter, Jasmine Thomas, Jessica Thomas, Xavier Ball and Samael J. Dor. For the first time, two Robert Noyce scholars made presentations – Rolanda Warren and Brian C. Bibbins Sr. Three students received awards: Chelsea Brown, Troyianne Porter and Brian C. Bibbins Sr.

Faculty members gave presentations: Drs. Celina Carson, Joe Omojola, Sherry Bachus, Murty S. Kambhampati, Cynthia Singleton and Yi Zhen. Dr. Brenda Jackson moderated a panel on STEM mentoring, research and grant-writing, with panelists Drs. David Adegbeye, Joe Omojola and Murty Kambhampati. Mrs. Moultrie greeted the attendees on behalf of the Chancellor.



Doreanna Bennett, from left, Dr. Joe Omojola, Patrice Ness Essombey, Dr. Phyllis Okwon (former SUNO professor, now at Southern University in Baton Rouge), Derrick Ellis and Dr. Rachid Belmasrour attended the Gulf States Math Alliance Conference.

## Future Mathematicians Attend Gulf States Math Alliance Conference

Three mathematics majors, Derrick Ellis, Doreanna Bennett and Patrice Ness Essombey, and faculty mentors Drs. Rachid Belmasrour and Joe Omojola participated in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Gulf States Math Alliance Conference at the University of Texas at Arlington Feb. 16.

Keynote speaker Dr. Richard Tapia, a professor of Mathematics at Rice University and a Presidential Science Medal of Honor recipient, told his life's story and explained how pride, the belief that he could, good work habits and global excellence were the keys to his life's work.

The "What I Wish I Knew Before Graduate School" panel discussion featured six current and former graduate students (now professors) and gave students insight on what to expect and how to not make similar mistakes in grad school. Summer research opportunities and how they could improve chances of getting accepted into the graduate school also were discussed.

Finally, Dr. Phil Kutzko of the University of Iowa, who founded the National Math Alliance, described how a former SUNO student, Dr. Paulette Willis, obtained her Ph.D. in mathematics and became the first African-American female to receive a National Science Foundation three-year post-doctorate fellowship.

**Upon her return from the Emerging Researchers National Conference, Biology Senior Chelsea Brown (2018 DOE-SULI Intern, MSEIP Scholar) summarized the SUNO students' collective conference experience:**

*"It has been an absolute pleasure to attend the Emerging Researchers Conference. I was able to gain exposure on the structure of STEM conferences, in addition to presenting my research topic. The sense of pride I gained in defending my research is indescribable, because I worked so hard. Panelists asked me challenging questions, which allowed me to think from a different perspective. Although I did not take home an award, I am leaving with more than what I arrived with. I learned a great deal from other undergrad/post doc students through their research presentations. I had the opportunity to network with professionals in STEM fields and several graduate schools, and I collected information on graduate programs that appealed to me. My attendance at the conference reassured me that I am working in my purpose. The professional development I took from this conference will enable me to be a stronger undergrad student and scientist."*

## Emerging Researchers National (ERN) Conference in STEM



Ms. Chelsea Brown, from left, Ms. Shona Machona, Dr. Phyllis Okwan, Mr. Brian Bibbins, Ms. Troyionne Porter, and Ms. Jessica Thomas

## Record Participation for SUNO STEM Knights at ERN Conference

Emerging Researchers National (ERN) Conference is for budding STEM scientists. For the first time, five SUNO STEM majors had their abstracts accepted and won travel awards for an all-expenses-paid trip to the National Conference in Washington, D.C., Feb. 21 – 23, 2019.

The participating students and faculty mentors (in parentheses) are: Shona Machona (Drs. Christian Clement and Rachid Belmasrour), Chelsea Brown (Dr. Murty Kambhampati), Jessica Thomas (Dr. Joe Omojola, Dr. Rachid Belmasrour, Dr. Cynthia Singleton, Dr. Phyllis Okwan), Troyionne Porter (Dr. Murty Kambhampati) and Brian Bibbins (Drs. Joe Omojola, Rachid Belmasrour, Cynthia Singleton, Yi Zhen and Phyllis Okwan).

## NAREB Honors College of Business



College of Business students, faculty and staff attend the New Orleans Real Estate Brokers Association's Installation of Officers Luncheon.

The New Orleans Real Estate Brokers Association, an affiliate of the National Real Estate Association Brokers (NAREB), honored the College of Business Feb. 15 for its role in helping the Association set a new standard the past two years. Special honor was given to Mrs. Timotea Bailey for organizing student support of NAREB initiatives; Mrs. Cynthia Beaulieu for business operation training and facilitation of networking opportunities for NAREB members; and Dr. Igwe Udeh for providing administrative and research expertise to issues confronting the association. Mrs. Shelina Gethers, Mrs. Diana Thomas and CBA student volunteers were honored as well.

The College of Business has supported NAREB events and projects designed to meet the challenge of increasing Black home ownership in New Orleans as a path to increase wealth in the Black community. An association of Black real estate brokers, NAREB has an aggressive campaign to facilitate the creation of two million new Black homeowners in five years.



The United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UNISDR) invited Dr. Nabie Conteh, assistant professor of Computer Information Systems, to serve as a peer reviewer for the *2019 Global Assessment Report on Disaster Risk Reduction* (GAR) 2019. The GAR is a biennial global assessment of disaster risk reduction, and comprehensive review and analysis of the natural hazards that are affecting humanity. The policy document aims to draw international attention to disaster risk reduction and to encourage political and economic support. Dr. Conteh was tapped for this role because of his expertise in cybersecurity and global risk trends analysis.



Members of SUNO's Public Administration Association collaborated with Club 300 Feb. 15 to host the "Spirit of the Woman 2019: Leadership and Empowerment Expo." Mr. Rufus Johnson and Ms. Pamela Boyd, both seniors majoring in Public Administration, led this event to generate money needed for Association members to attend the 2019 COMPA/ASPA Conference in Washington, D.C. Guest speakers included Civil Court Clerk Chelsey Richard Napoleon, Juvenile Court Judge Tammy Stewart, Children's Place Owner Joy Mitchell and investor Trikelle Otikins-Salvant.



SUNO's Black MBA Collegiate Chapter hosted a Gospel Tea and Paint fundraiser at Tulane Memorial Baptist Church Feb. 17 to spread awareness about its programs and to raise funds to support its initiatives. National Black MBA Association (NBMBAA) President Catrease Newsome, a graduating Business Administration senior, sketched the picture that more than 50 participants painted.



Members of the Computer Information Systems (CIS) Club and their advisors (Dr. Samuel Eweni, CIS associate professor and Dr. Nabie Conteh, CIS assistant professor) took a guided tour of the SUNO Information Technology Center Feb. 18, conducted by Mrs. Jeanneen Howard, ITC assistant director. The tour included the infrastructure, offices and operations area. The guests gained practical insights into the IT Department as an integral supporting entity of the University.



Business and Public Relations students, faculty and staff visited the Orleans Clerk of Civil District Court Feb. 19. Civil District Court Clerk Chelsey Napoleon gave a tour and provided details of the day-to-day operations. During the visit, the 20 participants observed ordinary citizens coming into the Office to file legal documents. They also watched as the Court's staff received and processed official filings.

In addition to leading the tour, Clerk Napoleon spoke about the qualities and skills required for potential hires.

Finally, the group visited the Notarial Archives Office, which houses historical documents dating back to the early 1800's. Students learned how modern parishes came into existence because of the preserved documents.



The SUNO Cheerleaders and the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity performed for a group of high school students from various schools in February to let them know that our faculty, staff and students appreciate them for considering SUNO as their future college.



*Men of Excellence members and Covenant House employees are pictured from left: Alvis "AJ" Favorite, Xavier Ball, Wellness & Volunteer Coordinator Kristin Miller, Director of Program Planning & Evaluation Tara McKinney, Alton Harris, SGA President Warren J. Thompson and Dr. Samuel Odom, faculty advisor.*

The SUNO Men of Excellence collected more than 30 winter coats and jackets during a drive Feb. 1-15. The donations were presented to Covenant House of New Orleans, which is one of the School of Social Work Field Placement partners, where MSW students perform their field placement rotations.



The School of Social Work hosted a tribute to Emeritus Dean Millie M. Charles in the Millie M. Charles School of Social Work Building. The Feb. 20 tribute was sponsored by the National Black Social Workers.

More than 500 Talent Search, Upward Bound and Trio students from Baton Rouge and Shreveport attended Trio Day Feb. 12 in the Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences Auditorium. The students received information about the various academic degree programs in the College of Arts & Sciences and toured the Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences and Natural Sciences buildings.

Dr. Haitham Eid, director of the Museum Studies graduate program, serves on the judging panel for the 2019 GLAMi Awards. The annual awards recognize and celebrate the most innovative projects in the cultural heritage sector. Dr. Eid serves on the panels for two categories: Education, and Exhibition Media or Experience.

Dr. Ira Neighbors presented "Artistic Expressions of Walter James Lowe III: An unknown Artist," at the National Association of African American Studies national conference Feb. 13 in Dallas, TX.

Dr. Torin Sanders served as a panelist for a presentation conducted by Dr. Stacie Patton, author of the book, "Spare the Kids: Why Whupping Children Won't Save Black America." Other panelists were Dr. Corey Hebert, local pediatrician, and Sgt. Jones, a supervisor in the New Orleans Police Department's Child Abuse Unit. The Feb. 12 panel presentation was a community-wide event at First Grace Methodist Church.

The School of Social Work hosted "Painless Parenting Workshop: An Interactive Training for Youth-Serving Professionals" in collaboration with the New Orleans Children's Advocacy Center. Dr. Stacey Patton and Attorney Stacie LeBlanc conducted the training. Dr. Patton, a former foster child, renowned journalist and children's advocate, explained the link between hitting and beating children and the internalization of racialized oppression. She linked being beaten as slaves to the continued beating of African-American children and youth. Dr. Patton and Attorney LeBlanc helped to bring progressive thought to child welfare as an institution while challenging what was considered bible-based information for discipline in the African-American community.

Dr. Hyacinth McKee conducted a presentation of her research on "Diabetes Disease Management in the Adolescent Population" at the American Council for School Social Work Annual Conference Jan. 30 at Tulane University. The topic of the presentation was "Using Motivation and Empowerment to Manage Chronic Health Conditions in the Adolescent Population." The audience was comprised of school social workers, researchers and school administrators. The American Council on School Social Work is a national organization that advocates for the practice of school social work by serving students, schools and families to overcome social, systemic, economic and mental health barriers.





# Alumni Spotlight



**Dr. Amelia Estwick** graduated Magna Cum Laude with her Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Information Systems in 1998. During her senior year at Southern University at New Orleans, Dr. Estwick received the prestigious National Physical Sciences Consortium (NPSC) Fellowship, one of only 12 fellowships awarded nationally that year. The NPSC Fellowship, sponsored by the National Security Agency (NSA), funded her graduate education as she pursued and completed her MS and Ph.D. in Computer Science at the George Washington University in Washington, D.C.

Dr. Estwick spent more than 15 years with NSA conducting research and leading technical teams. She was the first African-American woman to graduate from its Computer Network Operations Development Program, which was a three-year intense computer network training program geared for technical leaders. At NSA, Dr. Estwick had multiple technical leadership positions, such as computer science researcher, senior cybersecurity analyst, and — prior to her departure — was one of the few women technical directors in NSA's Threat Operations Center. The cybersecurity operations center is responsible for monitoring and defending Department of Defense networks globally.

Currently, Dr. Estwick is the program director for the National Cybersecurity Institute at Excelsior College, and faculty program director for the School of Graduate Studies Masters in Cybersecurity Program. She is a thought leader for Excelsior's cybersecurity research, training,

and academic initiatives, and a member of several computing and cybersecurity organizations.

Dr. Estwick lectures on cybersecurity and science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) topics related to education, national defense and public policy. She is passionate about diversity and inclusion initiatives to include K-12 STEM education for under-represented populations as well as increasing the pipeline for girls, women and minority professionals in STEM, Computer Science and Cybersecurity. In addition to her outreach and mentoring activities, she coaches cyber competitions for students at her college and currently serves as the vice president for the Women in Cybersecurity Mid-Atlantic Affiliate.

Prior to her academic and professional pursuits, Dr. Estwick, a Gulf War veteran, served eight years in the United States Army as a signals analyst and in the Louisiana Army National Guard as a personnel specialist.

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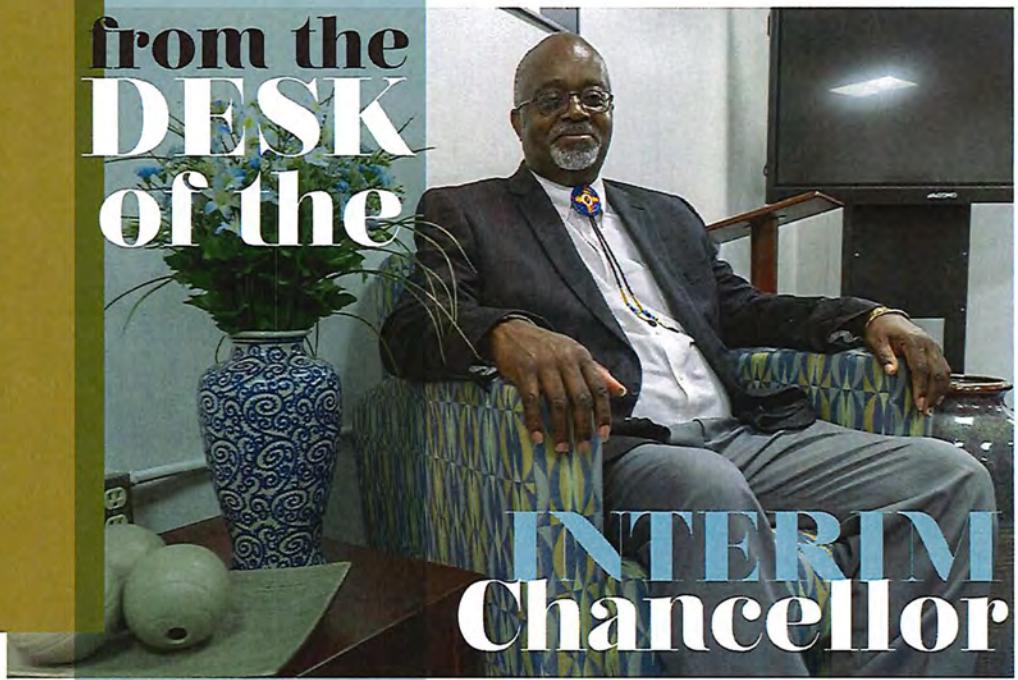
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## INTERIM Chancellor

The Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center (Southern University Ag Center) and College of Agricultural, Family and Consumer Sciences have a plethora of activities planned and are happening in 2019. We are looking forward to sharing them with you in this, as well as future Chancellor's Reports.

As the newly appointed Interim Chancellor-Dean of the SU Ag Center and College of Agriculture, I plan to continue the Campus's tripartite mission of Teaching, Research and Extension (Outreach). Student retention and recruitment will remain a primary focus, as well as expanding our Research and Extension Units to continue to improve the conditions of the state's citizens.

The Ag Center's programs focus on Sustainable Agricultural Systems; Nutrition and Health; Family and Human Development; Urban Forestry and Natural Resources; Youth Development; and Economic & Community Development.

Our College consist of three dynamic departments - Agricultural Sciences, Family and Consumer Sciences and Urban Forestry. We aim to prepare our students for Agriculture careers both national and international.

As you go through the pages of this report, please take note of our upcoming events. I am personally inviting you and your family to participant these events and programs.

Beginning in April, the Chancellor's Report will be reshaped to show our tripartite mission. With that being said, members of the Ag Center and College of Agriculture's administrative team will provide highlights from the areas. These members will include: Drs. Andra Johnson, Vice Chancellor for Research and Technology Development, Dawn Mellion-Patin, Vice Chancellor for Extension and Outreach, Dr. Retia Walker, Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Support Services, Lynda Batiste, Director of Finance, Oscar Udoh, Director of Grants and Facility Management, and our United States Department of Agriculture 1890 Liaison, Allison Johnson.

In closing, I would like to highlight some of the successes of the College of Agricultural, Family and Consumer Sciences. Southern University currently ranks 11th in the nation for graduating minority students in Agriculture. We are fourth in the nation in family and consumer sciences minority graduates and ranked number one in the nation in Urban Forestry graduates.

I ask you to "try Ag" and continue to grow with the Southern University Ag Center and College of Agricultural, Family and Consumer Sciences.

All the very best, C. Reuben Walker, Interim Chancellor-Dean

Baton Rouge, La. – Dawn Mellion-Patin, Ph.D., Vice Chancellor for Extension and Outreach at the Southern University Ag Center, has been selected as the 2019 T. M. Campbell Leadership Award recipient by Tuskegee University's Farmers Conference awards committee. The award is given each year during Tuskegee's Farmers Conference Awards Luncheon in honor of Thomas Monroe Campbell, the first person appointed as an Extension Agent in the United States. To qualify for the award, recipients must exhibit professional and volunteer work, interact with 1890 Universities as well as other universities to impact Extension/Outreach, demonstrate involvement in public service activities to advance the quality of life for rural citizens and receive recognitions from peer groups for services rendered.

"It is an honor to receive the Thomas Monroe Campbell Leadership Award from Tuskegee University," said Patin. "To be recognized by both a prominent HBCU and an 1862 University, within a few months of each other, has truly inspired me to continue my work of providing the rural citizens of Louisiana with the agricultural tools needed to improve their lives."

In October, Patin received the 2018 George Washington Carver Distinguished Service Award from Iowa State University's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. Patin has served as the Vice Chancellor for Extension and Outreach at the SU Ag Center since 2016. She developed the Center's Small Farmer Agricultural Leadership Training Institute, an intensive leadership development program that guides small, minority, socially-disadvantaged and limited-resource farmers through the process of becoming competitive agricultural entrepreneurs.

Her work in the field of agriculture has provided her with the opportunity to serve as a panel manager for the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA); chair of the Southern Region- Agricultural and Natural Resources Program Leaders Committee; grant committee member for the USDA's National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA); 1890 representative on the National Extension Disaster Education Network Executive Committee and historian for the National Society of Minorities in Agricultural, Natural Resources and Related Sciences (MANRRS) organization.

She earned a bachelor's degree in Plant and Soil Sciences, a master's degree in Educational Agriculture, both from Southern University, and a doctoral degree in Agricultural and Life Sciences Education from Iowa State University. Patin received the T. M. Campbell Leadership Award on February 21 during Tuskegee University's 127th Annual Farmers Conference at the Doubletree Hotel in Montgomery, Alabama.

# And the award goes to..

*Dr. Dawn Mellion-Patin*

receives

Thomas Monroe Campbell  
Leadership Award



# Mitchell PROVENSAL



When we think of farming, most of us picture straw hats, cows and—perhaps most importantly—acres of open country fields.

But when Nice Stems owner Mitchell Provensal took to urban flower farming, he was in the middle of Baton Rouge, cars whizzing by and neighbors walking the streets by his flower plots.

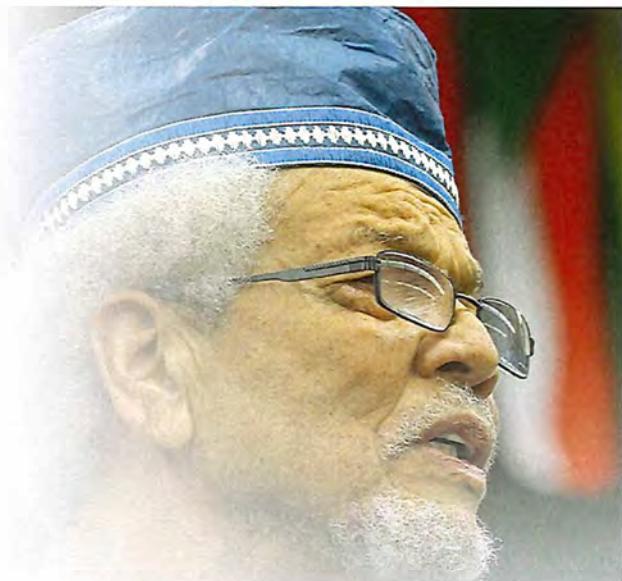
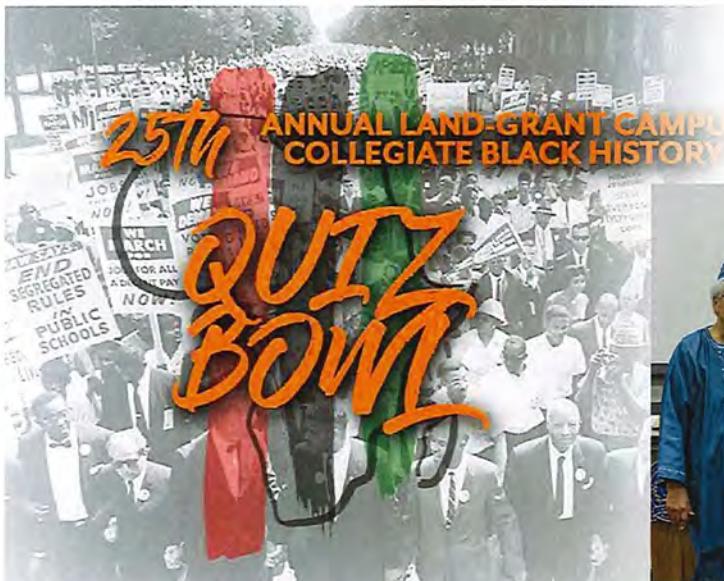
Provensal had been growing his own vegetables in his backyard for more than seven years. When he decided he wanted to try flower farming earlier this year, he wasn't going to let his lack of land stop him.

Instead, he got creative—and got permission to start planting flower seeds on a small lot off Scenic Highway by Memorial Stadium. The lot is home to a community garden he had helped run as the community garden coordinator for the Mayor's Office under Kip Holden.

Now, customers don't have to look too hard to find the bright yellow, pink and orange hues of his bouquets at the Red Stick Farmers Market on Thursday mornings next to Pennington Biomedical Research Center. Poking out of buckets at his stand are sunflowers, zinnias, celosia, gomphrena, amaranth, basil and marigold. The warm colors are all-too-fitting, given the warm weather.

Through Nice Stems, Provensal says he hopes to make Baton Rougeans more mindful of what they buy and where it comes from. He also says he wants to teach people about the different seasonal flowers that can grow in the city.

Urban flower farms like Provensal's have become popular in cities like New Orleans in recent years. With Nice Stems as one of the first to pave the way in Baton Rouge, maybe we'll be the next to hop on board the farm-to-vase movement. [instagram.com/nicestemsbr](https://instagram.com/nicestemsbr)



The 25th Annual Black History Quiz Bowl was held on Feb. 28 at 3 p.m. in T.T. Allain Hall. The competition honored the legacy of Dr. Raymond Lockett. Four teams of Southern University students competed in the competition.

Team Razzle Dazzlers won 1st place; Team Power Rangers placed 2nd and Team Animal Science placed 3rd. The Black History Quiz Bowl is an exciting educational event that stimulates our students. The competition covers a variety of topics, including current events, politics, history, sports and entertainment. Teams of eager middle school students competed in the SU Land-Grant Campus's Middle School Black History Quiz Bowl Championship Competition on Feb. 25.

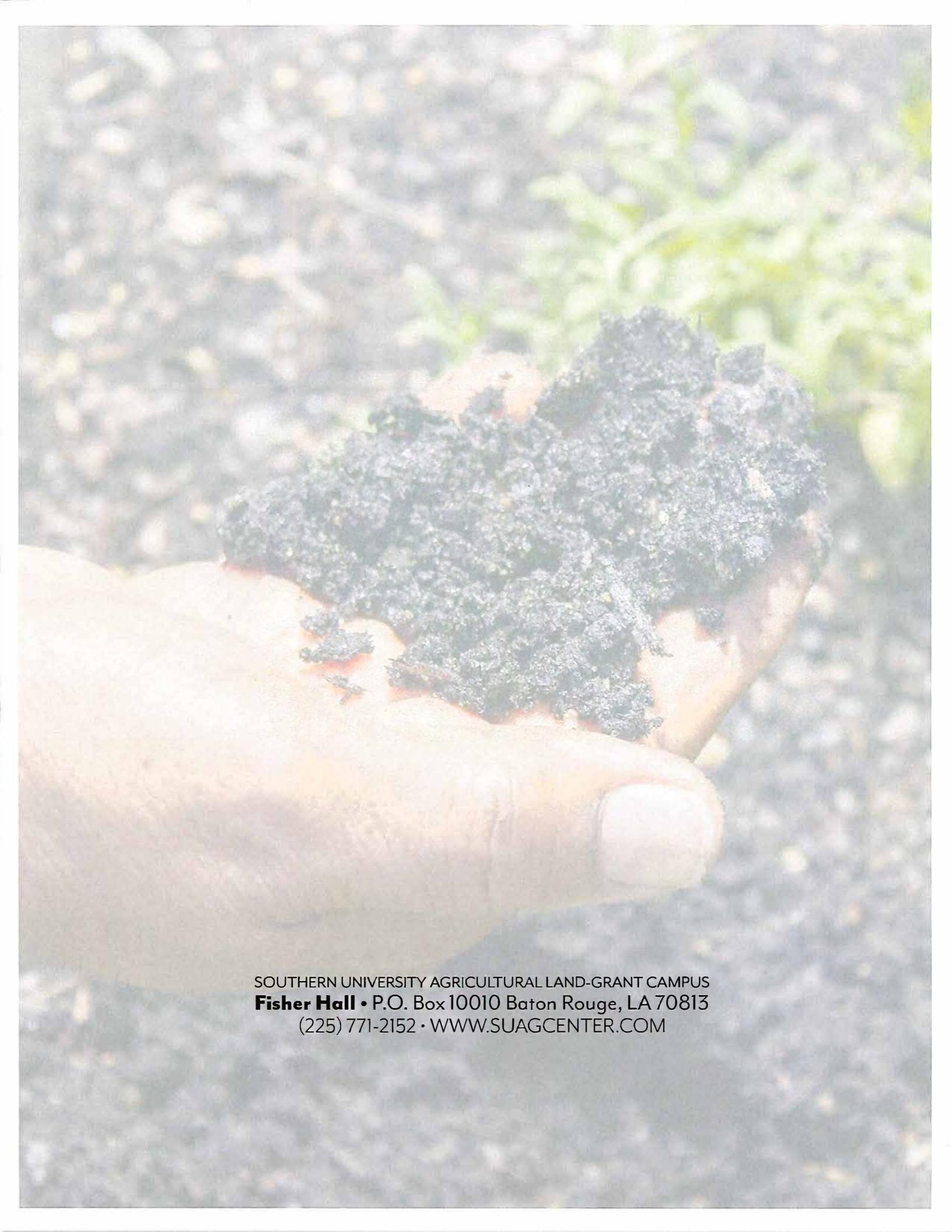
Earlier in the month, SU Land-Grant Campus Professor Emeritus and Black History Quiz Bowl organizer, Owusu Bandele, Ph.D., conducted Black History Quiz Bowls at several schools throughout the parish. The first and second place teams from each school were invited to participate in the championship competition at Southern University. Dr. Bandele served as the event's moderator and NBC Local 33 Anchor Deon Guillory also served as a guest moderator for a round of the competition. Awards were presented to the winners by SU Ag Center's Research Associate, Erica Williams Mitchell.

McKinley Middle Magnet's Sting Like A Bee Team took home 1st place; followed by Westdale Middle School's Soul Team in 2nd place and Scotlandville Middle Pre-Engineering Academy's Team Black Kulture Kids in 3rd place. The competition covered a variety of topics including current events, politics, history, sports and entertainment. Members of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place teams received medals and every participant received a book by or about some aspect of the Black experience. SU Land-Grant Campus host successful High School Black History Quiz Bowl Championship

Six teams of high school students competed from McKinley Senior High, Scotlandville Magnet High, Southern University Lab, Episcopal and Indira Mira Institute competed in the SU Land-Grant Campus's High School Black History Quiz Bowl Championship Competition on Feb. 27. Episcopal's Umoja Team took home 1st place; followed by Scotlandville's Period T Team in 2nd place and Indira Mira Institute's Team BR.U.H.S. in 3rd place

For more information on the Black History Quiz Bowl contact Owusu Bandele, Ph.D. at [obandele@cox.net](mailto:obandele@cox.net).





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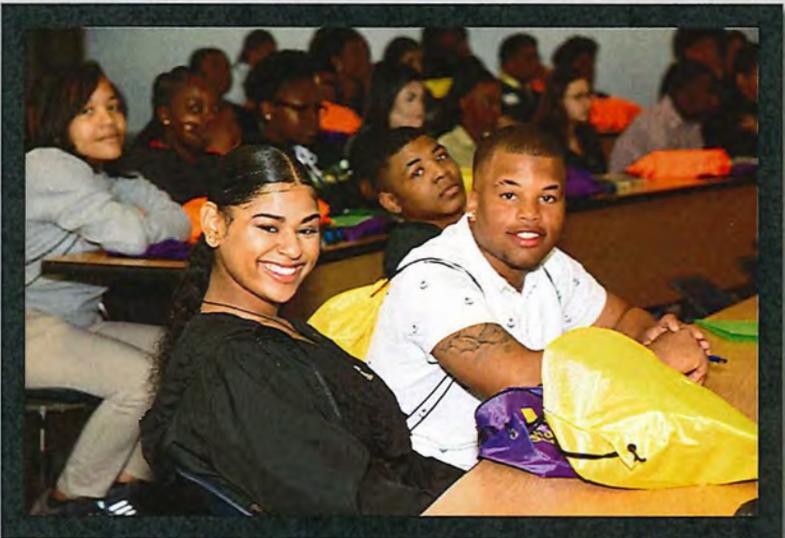
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# Events

## Discover Law Day

The Southern University Law Center hosted a joint law school symposium for high school students. The all-day event was hosted in collaboration with LSU Paul M. Herbert Law Center to encourage students to consider the practice of law and to provide insight into the law school experience.

Students participated in mock debates, legal analysis exercises, team building exercises, and heard presentations from current law students and administrators from both institutions.



## 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Pre-Law Day



The Southern University Law Center hosted its annual pre-law day on February 21, 2019. More than 200 prospective students registered and attended the event.

The program allowed prospective law students an opportunity to embrace the legal and social culture of law school at law center. The attendees participated in a question and answer session with the administration as well as a mock trial.

The students also received an introduction to the Socratic method teaching style and a panel discussion with students, faculty, and alumni.

# Events

## Lecture Series Speaker Theo Shaw



Last month, the Southern University Law Center Lecture Series Committee presented “*My Perspective on the Intersection of Law & Justice*”. The presentation was given by Jena 6 member (Jena Six), Theo Shaw, who as a teenager, was wrongfully arrested and spent nearly 8 months in jail awaiting trial.

Shaw presented a profound presentation confronting topics such as poverty and law, justice and courts, race and sentencing, and mass incarceration. He is now a law clerk for Chief Justice Bernette J. Johnson of the Louisiana Supreme Court. In August, Shaw will be attending Georgetown Law Center in Washington, D.C. as a Prettyman Fellow with the Criminal Defense & Prisoner Advocacy Clinic with aspirations to become a criminal defense trial attorney.

# Partnerships & Collaborations

## Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians



Chancellor Pierre and Professor Adam Crepelle visited the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians Court. The law center delegation engaged with Chief Justice Kevin Briscoe to discuss methods to create an educational pipeline from Southern University Law Center to the Choctaw Indian Reservation. The educational pipeline would further boast the law center's Indian Law Program as well as provide internship and externship to our students.

Chancellor Pierre made history during this endeavor as the visit marked the first time that any dean or chancellor entered the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indian Court.

The Choctaw Indian Reservation consists of 35,000 acres of trust land scattered over 10 counties from east to central Mississippi. We all look forward to the innovative and exciting projects to come from this prolific relationship.

# Faculty Spotlight

## Professor Angela Allen-Bell



Professor Angela A. Allen-Bell is a native of New Orleans, Louisiana and a 1998 graduate of the Southern University Law Center in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. She spent ten years working at an appellate court and, in this capacity, gained an expertise in appellate law. In 2008, she left the judiciary and began her career in academia as a law professor.

A committed public servant who frequently lends her time to causes involving social and/or restorative justice, criminal justice reform and prisoner reentry. Professor Bell has the distinction of having worked on several historic advocacy campaigns, such as the Angola 3 case, the case of Soledad Brother John Clutchette and the abolishment of Louisiana's non-unanimous jury law. She has made many media appearances and participated in countless local, national and international media collaborations to discuss her scholarship and her advocacy work.

## Professor Virginia Listach



Professor Virginia Listach, clinical professor for the Administrative/Civil Law Clinic, received her B.A. from Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania and her J.D. from SULC. Listach serves as the Moot Court Board Adviser and Coach and also served as coach and adviser for the American Trial Lawyers Association team. Before joining SULC in August 1997, Listach was an Assistant Director of the Bureau of Appeals of the Louisiana DHH and Administrative Law Judge Supervisor. She was an Assistant Attorney General with the Louisiana Department of Justice from 1988 through 1992, serving in the consumer protection, civil rights, and road hazard sections.

In 2015 Professor Listach was appointed director of clinical legal education for the law center where she directs the operations and development of the clinical department.

## Professor Prentice White



Professor Prentice White earned his B.A. degree from Xavier University of Louisiana, his J.D. from SULC, and an M.B.A. from the University of New Orleans. Prior to joining SULC 2001, White was a senior research attorney at the Louisiana Fourth Circuit COA. He also maintained a law practice in focused in the areas of personal injury, criminal defense and appellate litigation.

White drafted the first post-trial appellate decision in asbestos litigation in Louisiana while at the Louisiana Fourth Circuit. In 2003, White was certified as an appellate attorney in non-capital cases with the Louisiana Indigent Defense Board. Three years later, he joined the CJA (Criminal Justice Act) Panel with the Federal Public Defender's Office for the Middle and Western Districts of Louisiana to represent criminal defendants on appeal before the United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals

# Faculty Spotlight

## Professor Regina Ramsey



Professor Regina Ramsey is the associate vice chancellor for evening division and emerging programs and serves on the legal analysis and writing faculty. She joined the Law Center as director of career counseling and development, formerly the Office of Placement and Career Services, in September 2000. Prior to joining the Law Center administration, Ramsey was a judicial law clerk (November 1997 – September 2000) for the Honorable John Michael Guidry of the First Circuit Court of Appeal. She is also a former associate with McGlinchey Stafford (August 1996 – November 1997) first in the firm's New Orleans office and then in the Baton Rouge office.

Professor Ramsey's research and scholarship focuses on education law and constitutional law. Her recent article titled "How to Fulfill a Broken Promise: Revisiting and Reaffirming the Importance of Desegregated Equal Educational Access and Opportunity" recently appeared at 68 Arkansas Law Review 159 (2015). She is also a frequent CLE speaker on issues of professionalism and ethics.

## Professor Wendy Shea



Wendy K. Shea received her J.D. magna cum laude from Valparaiso University School of Law where she was a Presidential Honors Scholar and an associate editor for the VUSL Law Review. Shea received her B.A. magna cum laude from the University of Mary in North Dakota.

Shea joined the Law Center faculty in 2008 as a Visiting Assistant Professor of Legal Analysis and Writing. Professor Shea is now an associate professor .

# Student Spotlight

## Trezell Ragas



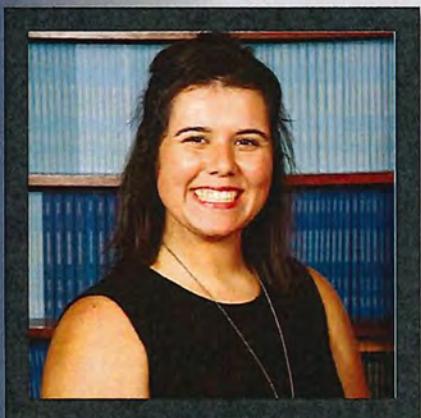
First-year student, **Trezell Ragas**, has been selected to attend the Food Law Leadership Summit to take place in Washington D.C. on the campus of Georgetown University. She will be afforded the opportunity to interface with leaders in the food law fields, network with potential employers and advocates, as well as tour local food organizations and government agencies.

## Arnedia Wallace



Third-year student, **Arnedia Wallace**, continues her storied law school career being selected to participate in HBCU@SXSW. HBCU@SXSW is a signature annual university relations, young professionals, startup entrepreneurship and recruitment initiative. Major corporations, tech companies, startups, ecosystem builders, influencers and foundations sponsor HBCU@SXSW so top African American and Latinx technical and non-technical business talent with intentional diversity and inclusion initiatives can gain the necessary immersive exposure, interactive learning opportunities and direct access to paid summer internships or permanent jobs in the innovation economy that are afforded by attending SXSW.

## Katherine Read



Second- year law student, **Katherine Read's**, article "Changing How We Write Law Review Journal" has been published on the ABA's Before the Bar blog. In her article, Read expresses a desire to understand why law students are encouraged to write in the convoluted manner of citing centuries old cases coupled with the most complicated of vocabulary.

# Remarkable Alumni

## Megan Early-Soppa



Class of 2012 alumnus, **Megan Early-Soppa**, was inducted into the National Black Lawyers Top 40 under 40. Each year the National Black Lawyers Association invites 40 individuals under the age of 40 who have an outstanding reputation among peers, the judiciary and the public to join.

## Jeremy A. Bazile



Class of 2012 alumni, **Jeremy A. Bazile**, has been named “Best Lawyer”! Bazile is an associate attorney at Glenn Armentor Firm in Lafayette. Born and raised in Alexandria, he got his start working as a judicial law clerk for the Honorable George C. Metoyer, Jr. in Alexandria,

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## SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY AT SHREVEPORT NAMED TOP PRODUCER OF FULBRIGHT SCHOLARS

Southern University at Shreveport, LA (SUSLA) was proud to be included on the list of U.S. colleges and universities that produced the most 2018-2019 Fulbright U.S. Scholars. Each year the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs announces the top producing institutions for the Fulbright Program, the U.S. government's flagship international educational exchange program. The Chronicle of Higher Education publishes the lists annually.

*"We thank the colleges and universities across the United States that we are recognizing as Fulbright top producing institutions for their role in increasing mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries,"* said Marie Royce, Assistant Secretary of State for Educational and Cultural Affairs. *"We are proud of all the Fulbright students and scholars from these institutions who represent America abroad, increasing and sharing their skills and knowledge on a global stage."*

SUSLA's Dr. Joseph Orban, a Distinguished Professor of Biomedical Science was awarded the Fulbright award for 2018-2019.



He is currently serving as a U.S. Fulbright Scholar at Benue State University Nigeria. Dr. Orban presented a paper on "Development of Japanese Quail Embryos in Space" in Singapore. Dr. Orban was invited by the World Gene Organization to make the presentation in Singapore as well as serve as the Co-Chair of Agriculture, Food, and Biotechnology at the November 2018 World Convention in Singapore.

*"This is an incredible honor for SUSLA. The distinction of being named a Top Producer of Fulbright Scholars speaks not only to the quality of our faculty participating in this international program, it delivers on our promise of academic excellence to our students. SUSLA students are being taught and trained by world class faculty whose work is recognized by the U.S. government's flagship international educational exchange program as being among the very best"* said Dr. Rodney A. Ellis, Chancellor.

Since its inception in 1946, the Fulbright Program has provided more than 390,000 participants—chosen for their academic merit and leadership potential — with the opportunity to exchange ideas and contribute to finding solutions to shared international concerns. Over 800 U.S. college and university faculty and administrators, professionals, artists, journalists, scientists, lawyers, and independent scholars are awarded Fulbright grants to teach and/or conduct research annually. The Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program operates in over 125 countries throughout the world.

The Fulbright Scholars Program is supported at SUSLA through the Division of Academic Affairs under the leadership of its Vice Chancellor Dr. Sharron Herron-Williams.



# Highlights

## CADDO PARISH COMMISSIONERS LEAD BY EXAMPLE WITH \$125K INVESTMENT



Commissioner Stormy Gage-White along with other members of the Caddo Parish Commission Lyndon Johnson and Stephen Jackson announce a \$125,000 renewed investment in SUSLA programs. The investment will support SUSLA's Aviation Technology Program and the new Milam Street Kitchen Incubator and Community Kitchen (MS KICK) – a multi-collaboration project. Dr. Ellis commented that "*The investment demonstrates the Parishes continued commitment to investing in the development of local talent and projects that strengthen Caddo's workforce and offer long-term solutions for employers*".

## SUSLA RECEIVES \$250,000 RAPID RESPONSE GRANT FROM LCTCS TO ADVANCE CAREER PROGRAMS.



Mr. Will Seaman, LCTCS Director of Workforce Alignment made the trip to Shreveport from Baton Rouge to make a \$250,000 award to the SUSLA. The Grant was awarded from Louisiana's LCTCS Rapid Response fund and will be used to advance workforce solutions through SUSLA's Aviation Technology Program. A team lead by SUSLA's Office of Sponsored Programs collaborated with Academic Affairs, Workforce and Advancement to write the grant.

## SUSLA'S OWN LT. JEFFERY IVEY RECEIVES ABOVE AND BEYOND AWARD BY SUS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

"Reliable, dependable, friendly, and loves SUSLA", these are the words many employees and visitors have used to describe Lt. Jeff Ivey. Ivey has worked at SUSLA for the past 15 years. He began as a police officer 2 and has been a lieutenant for the past 7 years. Prior to SUSLA, Ivey worked in the Detective Division of the Caddo Sheriff's Office for 12 years. He is married, has four children and seven grandchildren.

Aside from his commitment to family and church, Lt. Ivey is committed to SUSLA. During his visit to the campus, Dr. Joseph Silver (SACSCOC Consultant) stated how hospitable Lt. Ivey was and that he was a "*perfect example of how an employee should represent (their organization)*". This statement has been echoed by many visitors on campus as well as faculty and staff.

Lt. Ivey can often be found assisting other departments to ensure not only the safety of the SUSLA footprint, but customer service, student success; community involvement. Examples of this include, but are not limited to: speaking with and assisting students, orientation/jaguar courtyard, working with facilities, campus events, traffic & Shuttle for guests, and working with local law enforcement. In the 2018 Family Campaign, Lt. Ivey and his co-chair lead their team to receive the "*Trailblazer Award*" as the first team to reach 100 % in giving to support SUSLA! True to his love for SUSLA, he will serve as the 2019 Co-Chair of the Family Campaign. McClellon states, "*I never worry when working with Lt. Ivey, whenever I hear Lt. say, "ma'am, I'm on it" or "ma'am, consider it done".*



*Congratulations Lt. Ivey!*

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH: SERIES OF EVENTS HOSTED BY SUSLA HELP RAISE AWARENESS, SPARK DIALOGUE



"REFLECTIONS": Southern University Museum of Art Shreveport celebrated Black History Month with an exhibit entitled "Reflections" featuring the work of veteran photographer, Bennie Dotie. The exhibit opening reception was held on February 6, 2019 in partnership with the Downtown Shreveport Artwalk--a monthly art experience held on the first Wednesday that is presented by the Downtown Development authority. The exhibit was on display through February 28th.



This year's Black History Month theme was Black Migration that explored the movement of people of African descent across places and spaces. "SUMAS was proud to feature the work of Mr. Bennie Dotie chronicling 40 years of his visual artistry highlighting historic, cultural, and community events and individuals throughout the Shreveport-Bossier area" said Angelique Feaster Evans, Museum Coordinator.

## **“BLACK IN SHREVEPORT”**

Distinguished panelists discuss “*Black In Shreveport* ” at a final presentation in the series for Black History Month. Marquel Sennett SUSLA’s Assistant Professor of History organized the event which featured lawmakers, community leaders and faculty. The panel answered questions from the group which, comprised students and individuals from the general public.



Panelists also discussed the challenges still being experienced by Shreveport’s African American population as they relate to policing and the justice system, education disparities, and inequitable opportunities for work, healthcare and overall quality of life within the city.

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### **MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS PARTNER WITH SUSLA STUDENTS/FACULTY TO OFFER FREE SERVICES FOR 2019 DENTISTRY FROM THE HEART EVENT**

On February 16, 2019 Southern University’s Dental Hygiene program, in cooperation with Miles for Smiles Mobile Dental services, held the second annual Dentistry from the Heart free dental event. Dentists, Hygienists, and other healthcare professionals from throughout the community came together in a day of caring to donate services to citizens who otherwise could not afford much needed dental care. Services rendered included Exams, Cleanings, Extractions, and Fillings. With nearly 100 people served, the event was highly successful! The project is organized by Miles for Smiles owner, Dr. Jeremy Alexander who is also the supervising Dentist for Southern University’s Dental Hygiene Program and SUSLA’s Dental Hygiene faculty, staff and students.

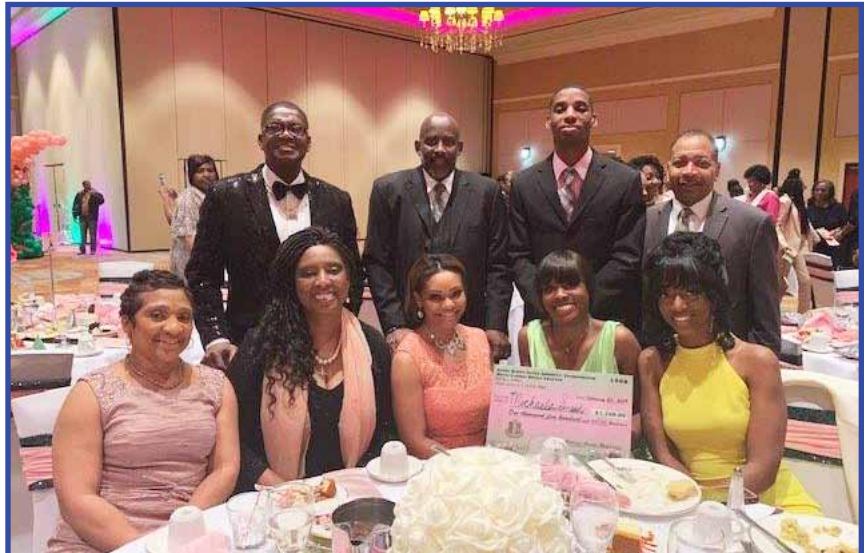
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An advertisement for the "Dentistry from the Heart" event. It features a large blue smiley face with two hands holding dental instruments (a mirror and a probe) near the eyes. The text includes "dentistry from the heart", "smile. it's free.", "February 16, 2019", "2nd Annual Free Dental Event", "This is the day when we give back to a community that has been so wonderful to us. Patients will be seen on a first-come, first-served basis and may choose ONE of the following treatments FREE! Cleaning, Filling or Extraction. Must be 18 years and older.", "Hosted By: Southern University Dental Hygiene School in collaboration with Miles For Smiles", "First 40 patients are guaranteed to be seen!", "For more information please contact: 318-670-6000 | www.susla.edu | www.milesforsmiles.com 3050 Dr. Martin Luther King Dr. | Shreveport, LA 71107 Event Hours: 9:00am until 3:00pm", and a small blue heart icon with the text "First 40 patients are guaranteed to be seen!".

## **ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INC., SUPPORTS HBCUS & SCHOLARLY EXCELLENCE**

Ivy Crown Community Services, Inc., in collaboration with Alpha Kappa Alpha (AKA) Sorority, Inc., Delta Lambda Omega's (DLO) Chapter celebrated its 111th Founders' Day on February 23rd at Sam's Town Hotel & Casino.

A host of awards were given, which included: six high school student scholarships, an Overcoming Adversity award presented to Michaela Sneed\*\* (daughter of SUSLA's Vice Chancellor Janice Snead) and scholarship donations presented to Southern University at Shreveport's Chancellor Dr. Rodney Ellis.



Sorority member Chantel Harris, the great-great granddaughter of Ethel Hedgeman Lyle (one of the Founders of AKA at Howard University in 1908), was the guest speaker for the evening. She joined Founders' Day chairman, Sorority member Burnadine Moss Anderson, for a "Sisterly Chat" which described the rich history of Ethel and her husband, George Lyle.

*"It has been very rewarding to witness the consistent level of support by Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., Delta Lambda Omega Chapter. Without caring and committed partners, our ability to meet the needs of our students would be difficult. We salute you on your Founders' Day,"* said Dr. Rodney Ellis, Chancellor.



On May 8, 2018 Michaela Snead was severely injured in a car accident that left her paralyzed with grim diagnosis of regaining full mobility. Today, Michaela, a former student at SUSLA is walking and back to many of her previous activities. She plans to attend Southern University at New Orleans to receive her Master's Degree in Social Work.

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### **BY THE NUMBERS! SUSLA CELEBRATES OUTSTANDING YEAR OF ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS**

**100% Pass Rate!**

***Radiologic Technology Students Pass Rates NCLEX Exams***

***Dental Hygiene Student Pass Rates State Exams***

***Accreditation LPN AND RN Programs***

***Congratulations Allied Health Students!***

# JAGUAR of the MONTH

*Dr. Rodney A. Ellis, Chancellor is pleased to announce  
Lynne C. Eatman, RDH, BS, MSA  
as Jaguar of the Month for March 2019.*



Ms. Lynne Eatman has been employed with Southern University at Shreveport since 1999. Since that time she has served in various roles in the Allied Health Program and currently serves as Dental Hygiene Program Director/ Southern University at Shreveport. Ms. Eatman is highly regarded for her dedication to her students and to SUSLA. She recently assisted in the coordination of the annually recurring Dentistry from the Heart free dental event offered to the community.

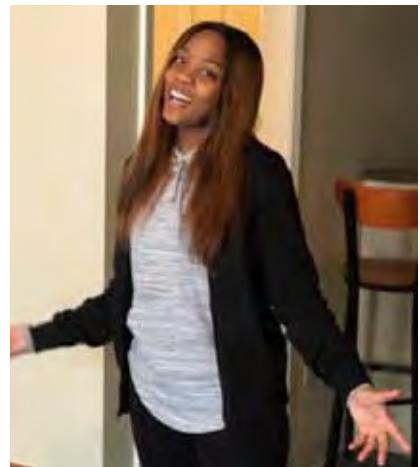
*Lynne C. Eatman, we salute you!*

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# JAGUAR STUDENT of the MONTH

19 years old Michele Williams is a sophomore from Jacksonville, FL. In addition to her outstanding performance on the court as a shooting guard on the women's basketball team, Michelle prides herself on her excellent academic performance as well. She maintains a GPA is 4.0. Per Coach Mat Hines, "she has a pleasing personality with her teammates and fellow students. She also exhibits great leadership skills on the team."

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