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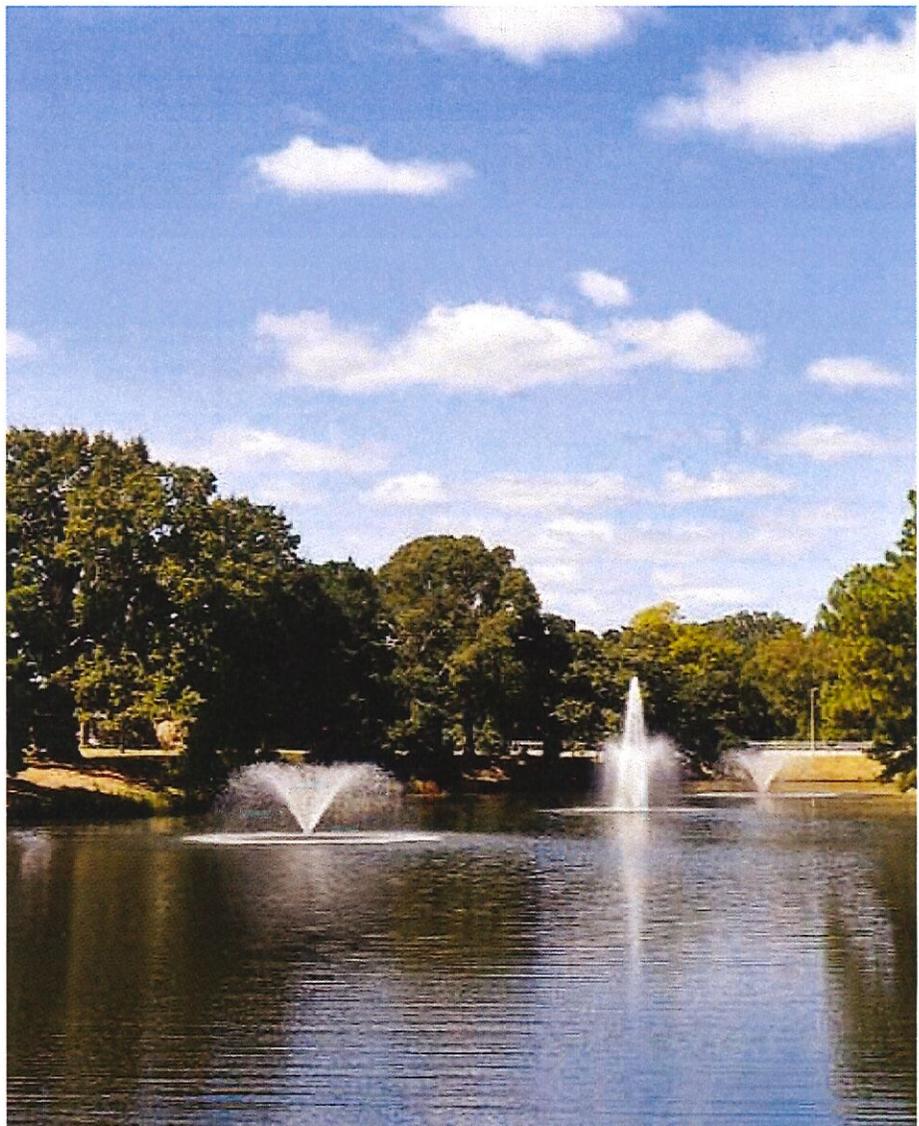
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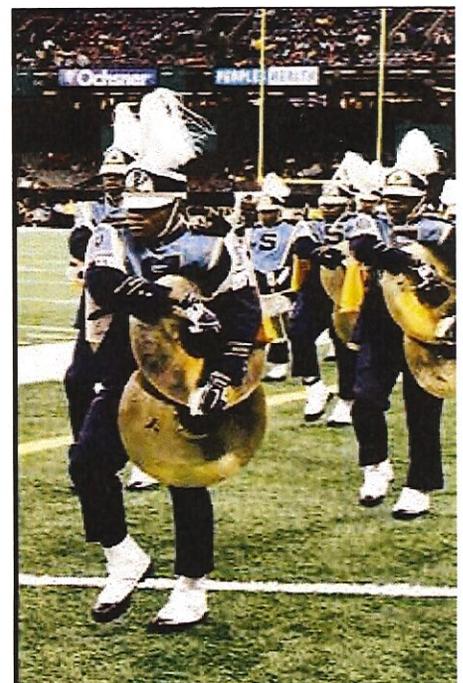
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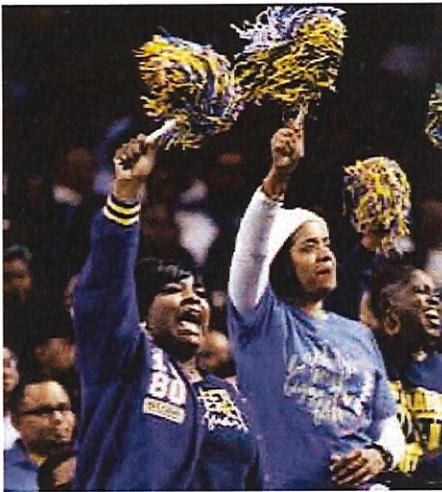
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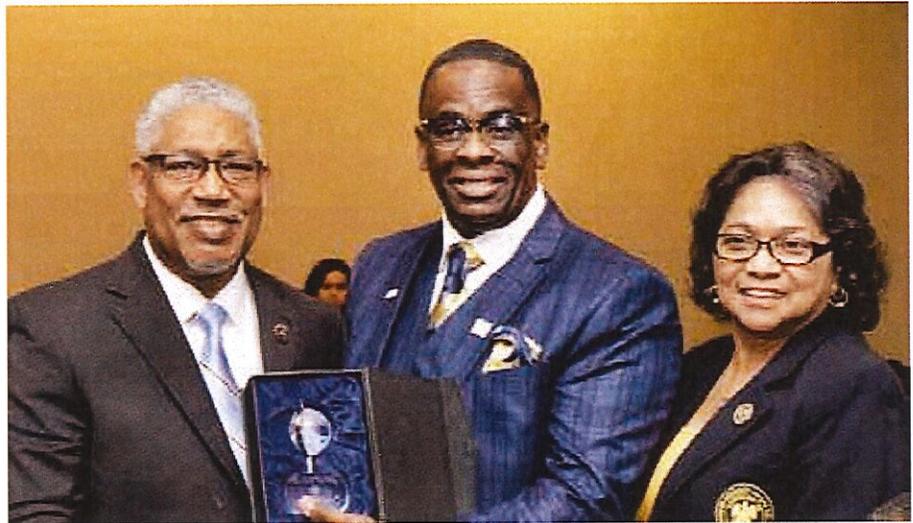






Bayou Classic — A Southern Affair

More than 67,000 people filled the Mercedes-Benz Superdome celebrating the 45th Annual Bayou Classic. Fans travelled near and far to witness one of the state's largest rivalry games between Southern University Jaguars and Grambling State Tigers. Board of Supervisor Chair Ann A. Smith was honored for her outstanding service to Southern. Fans cheered as donations rolled in from the Southern University Alumni Federation, Procter & Gamble, ILERA and many more. Southern won 38-28 and went on to become a contender in the SWAC Championship game against Alcorn State.



Division of Student Affairs — Preparing for Growth, Providing Support and Winning Competitions

Applicants for Spring and Fall 2019 Trending Upward as University Prepares for Growth

Preliminary data on fall 2019 admissions continues to trend upwards as of November 26, 2018. The data show that there is a 28% increase over last year in the number of students who have applied to Southern University and A&M College for fall 2019. In fall 2018, a total of 3,469 students had submitted applications by November 26 of that year, including 3,323 first-time, first-year students and 139 transfer students. Data for fall 2019 show that 4,867 students have already submitted applications, including 4,824 first time, first year students and 187 transfer students.

Preliminary data on Spring 2019 admissions also continue to trend upwards as of November 29, 2018. The data show a 14% increase over last year in the number of students who have applied to Southern University and A & M College for Spring 2019. In Spring 2018, a total of 961 students had submitted applications by November 29 of that year, including 490 first-time, first-year students and 471 transfer students. Data for Spring 2019 show that 1,121 students have submitted applications, including 594 first-time, first-year students and 527 transfer students.

Students Use of Health Center Increases

The Student Health Center is meeting the needs of a larger and more diverse student body. The Center has experienced a significant increase in utilization of services since the beginning of the Fall 2018 school year. In comparing patient visits from August through November, the Center had a total of 2,139 encounters in 2017 and 2,712 in 2018. The Center saw a consistent 21% increase. In addition, the Pharmacy dispensed 3,486 medications with over 3,000 Pharmacist Consultations provided. Academically, the clinic contributed this semester to the education of students for two programs in the School of Nursing. A Doctorate of nursing practice student completed her capstone project using the Student Health Center as a source of data collection. Also, 20 students in the Nurse Practitioner Practicum course rotated weekly this semester to fulfill their clinical requirements mandated by their respective accreditation agency. These nurse practitioner students were under direct supervision of the Nursing Practitioner Training Coordinator of the Student Health Center and nursing practitioner faculty.

Southern Digest Editor Selected to Attend HBCU Leadership Summit

Jacqueline Morgan, editor-in-chief of *The Southern Digest*, was selected to attend an all-expense paid trip to the 2018 Human Rights Campaign HBCU Leadership Summit: Leading in Truth from November 8 -12, 2018, at the Renaissance Atlanta Midtown Hotel in Atlanta, Georgia.

The Summit empowers LGBTQ HBCU students to be change-agents on their campus and lead resourcefully through the intersections of race, religion, gender identity, class and sexual orientation.



In his selection notification, RiShard Butts, Program Coordinator for the HBCU Program, said “We have selected some of the brightest and most resilient individuals at HBCUs across the nation. We know that this opportunity will provide the tools to see yourselves as leaders and change-agents, develop an understanding of how oppression and discrimination impact your lives, and increase self-awareness of your approach to leadership and your impact on others. This experience will be fulfilling, transformative, and inspiring.”

Jacqueline Morgan is a senior English major at Southern University and A&M College.

The Southern Digest Office Awards \$15,000 in Stipends for Student Participants

The Southern University Office of Student Media completed the Fall 2018 semester with 12 issues of the student newspaper, *The Southern Digest* and the fall issue of *Ego Magazine*. The office awarded over \$15,000 in stipends for student participation on the student publications.

Student Media partnered with three community partners — Triplet’s Blue Store, Callihan’s Restaurant, and Dominos — to sponsor student layout nights during the semester.



Late Night Breakfast and Study Session

On December 3, 2018, SGA in concert with the Division of Student Affairs & Enrollment Management hosted the Late Night Breakfast Study Break.

The Division served over 800 students and provided an opportunity for students to relax, take a break, reenergize, and connect with friends during a very hectic finals week. Plans are underway to provide Late Night Breakfast Study Break for Spring 2019 on Monday, April 29 from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. There will be aprons for volunteers and lots of hungry students who would love to chat and chew!



Student Affairs Partners with Alumni Federation to Provide Meals to Students for the Holidays

There are on average 20-50 students who will remain on campus during the Winter Break. The Division of Student Affairs & Enrollment Management is partnering with the Alumni Federation to ensure students have access to meals as the dining halls are closed beginning Friday, December 14, 2018 to January 14, 2019. Meals will be brought to the residence halls several times during the break, especially on Christmas and New Years to ensure that students are not alone or hungry.

Student Affairs & Enrollment Management is also partnering with the Alumni Federation to develop a Host Family Program that will pair out-of-state students in the Class of 2023 with faculty, staff and alumni families who volunteer for the program. The purpose of the Host Family Program is to facilitate connections between alumni, faculty, administrators, other friends of Southern University, and first-year students. To accomplish this goal, the program matches a member of the Southern University community with a student (or two) and encourages periodic communication, interaction, and meetings.

“Southern will sponsor one formal event each semester, but what happens beyond these activities is up to those who participate in the program,” said Kimberly Scott, vice chancellor for Student Affairs. Examples of activities shared by hosts and students include attending Southern University athletic events, Homecoming events and concerts, engaging in Baton Rouge events and activities, and/or enjoying dinner at a local restaurant.

“We especially want families to assist out-of-state students who are unable to go home for the Fall Break, Thanksgiving, Winter Break and/or Spring Break,” said Scott.

Families help by providing meals on occasions, checking in via cellular phone or email, and/or inviting the student to lunch or dinner at home. The Host Family Program includes domestic, international and lower income students. All of our students need a little love and care while away from home. Our Host Family applicants will remain open, flexible and supportive of all students.



Southern Awarded \$100,000 for Louis Stokes Louisiana Alliance for Minority Participation

Southern University has received a \$100,000 grant renewal for the University's implementation component of a statewide project known as the Louis Stokes Louisiana Alliance for Minority Participation (LS-LAMP). This is the fourth year the University has secured funding for this program.

"In addition to providing direct scholarships to qualified minority students majoring in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM), this project immerses its scholars in a systemic mentoring environment modeled after the Timbuktu Academy, which is a recruitment, holistic mentoring, and research participation program for students from middle school to graduate school," said Diola Bagayoko, project director and distinguished professor of physics. "With the financial support and mentoring, LS-LAMP aims to increase the number and quality of its undergraduate scholars and to promote the successful graduate school enrollment."

LS-LAMP is one of over 40 Louis Stokes Alliances for Minority Participation programs funded by the National Science

Foundation. As the lead institution, Southern coordinates mentoring and related activities on 11 other Louisiana campuses that are members of this Alliance. The Alliance partners are Dillard University, Grambling State University, Louisiana State University, McNeese State University, Southern University and A&M College, Southern University at New Orleans, University of Louisiana at Lafayette, the University of New Orleans, Tulane University, Xavier University, Nunez Community College and Southern University at Shreveport. All campuses have adopted and implemented the Ten-Strand Systemic Mentoring model of the Timbuktu Academy.

In addition to Bagayoko serving as the project director, other coinvestigators at the state level are Carrie Robison, deputy commissioner for sponsored programs at the Louisiana Board of Regents, Gloria Thomas, director of student success at Louisiana State University, and Patrick Mensah, associate dean for research and graduate programs in the College of Sciences and Engineering at Southern University and A&M College.

Symposium Highlights Minor in Supply Chain Management

The College of Business Management and Marketing Department sponsored the NextGen Supply Chain & Enterprise Systems Career Symposium in November geared toward students interested in an undergraduate minor or a graduate certificate in Supply Chain Management. During the symposium, several speakers and panelists discussed a broad set of perspectives and insights on critical career competencies and challenges of NextGen Supply Chains. Topics included: "Leading/Negotiating Like a Boss," "Public Purchasing 101, Internet of Things for Business Students," "IBM Supply Chain and Careers, Earned Value Management, and Success in Procurement: Firsthand Experience."

Students were exposed to networking and mentoring as well as scholarship and internship opportunities. The Supply Chain Management minor consists of 18 credit hours. The benefits of a minor in Supply Chain Management include multiple employment opportunities, higher competitive salaries and rapid career growth opportunities.

Students Receive Award Sponsored by Guaranty Media



Mass communications students, Johnna Johnson and Lyonel Nicholas, received the annual Mass Communications Scholarship Award sponsored by Guaranty Media. Both students received a \$500 book stipend for maintaining a high grade point average in mass communications/journalism.

Sharon Coulter Selected as National League for Nursing Jonas Scholar

Sharon Coulter, assistant professor in the College of Nursing and Allied Health, was recently selected as a National League for Nursing (NLN) Jonas Scholar. Selected by a competitive review process, she will represent the League's 2018-2019 Jonas Scholar cohort.



The NLN Jonas Scholars Program addresses a core goal of the NLN which is to promote evidence-based nursing education and the scholarship of teaching. Jonas Philanthropies, in partnership with schools of nursing across the country, identify and invest in high-potential doctoral nursing scholars. In addition to supporting nurses who will address the nation's most pressing healthcare needs, Jonas scholarships aim to increase the number of nurses with advanced training filling leadership roles as clinical leaders, faculty, and researchers. Also, it aims to improve the health of veterans by supporting doctoral level candidates committed to advancing health care for veterans.

Previous Southern University Jonas Scholar recipients include Terrelle Foster, Antionella Upshaw, and Juanita Garner, who are all currently working as assistant

professors in the College of Nursing and Allied Health.

As a Southern alumna, Coulter has more than 25 years within the nursing profession through clinical and teaching experience. Her research interest is centered around the success of students, their learning styles, and aiding in their transition to practice. She is a member of several professional organizations including, Baton Rouge District Nurses Association, Louisiana State Nurses Association, American Nurses Association, Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing, and National Scholars Honor Society. Within the department, she has served as undergraduate counselor for Tau Pi Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing.

Zhu Hua Ning Awarded \$345,000 Grant to Research Earth's Ecosystems

Zhu Hua Ning, an endowed professor of sciences and an award-winning professor of urban forestry, has been awarded a \$345,000 competitive grant to implement a project, "Quantifying Carbon Export through Vegetation, Biomass and Land Use Change Analysis of Two Contrasting Sites across the Mississippi River Delta Plain."

The initiative is a part of a collaborative project with Louisiana State University (LSU) and the funding is from the Louisiana - NASA Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR) through a competitive process and a NASA external expert panel review.

Ning is the SU institutional project principal investigator/project director. Urban forestry assistant professor Chris Chappell and professor Kamran Abdollahi are coinvestigators, and associate professor Yaw Twumasi is the geographic information systems (GIS) and remote



sensing expert. Furthermore, at least three SU students will be paid team members and participate in faculty mentored research. In addition to the funding support for graduate student assistantships and undergraduate student research

stipends, 40 percent of the project's budget is contributed to SU as indirect cost. Along with the LA-NASA EPSCoR funded project at LSU titled "Understanding and Quantifying Carbon Export to Coastal Oceans through Deltaic Systems," the LSU - SU collaborative projects address the national and regional research need in detecting and predicting changes in Earth's ecosystems and biogeochemical cycles, including land cover, biodiversity, and the global carbon cycle, and enabling better assessment and management of water quality and quantity to accurately predict how the global water cycle evolves in response to climate change.

These projects forge collaborative partnerships between LSU and SU, emphasize students and faculty exchange, benefit teaching and research effectiveness, promote diversity, and enhance scientific and technological understanding on the United States coast that is most vulnerable to the changing climate.

College of Business — Raising Scholarship Dollars, Implementing New Courses and Honoring Excellence

\$112,850 Grant Awarded in Support of Local Economic Development Strategies

The U.S. Department of Commerce invested \$2.5 million to strengthen innovation and economic growth initiatives in which 20 colleges and universities in 13 states were awarded funding. U.S. Secretary of Commerce, Wilbur Ross, announced the grantees on September 27, 2018. Among those awarded from EDA's Austin Regional Office was Southern University and A&M College receiving \$112,850.

According to Mr. Ross, "colleges and universities play a vital role in support of locally-devised economic development strategies, and these institutions will work to build the public-private partnerships that are critical to helping America stay competitive in the 21st century."

Through its award, Southern University and A&M College will support its University Center for Economic and Entrepreneurial Development to promote job creation and workforce development, advance innovation, regional entrepreneurship ecosystems, and increase international trade through technical assistance, applied research and analysis, and entrepreneurial curricula for students and emerging entrepreneurs.

Students Provide Tips to Students on Entrepreneurship



College of Business student panelists Simone Pillette, Marcus Hill, Courtney Wright, and Caleb Ngoh shared with classmates strategies and tips on how to use their time at the College of Business via a forum titled "Academic Entrepreneurship: How to

use it to live your best academic life." Academic Entrepreneurship was defined as the process of planning, organizing, operating, leading and assuming the risk of an academic venture. Some academic ventures identified in the College of Business included: pursuing a 3.0 GPA or above, securing internships, participating in business case competitions, researching short term study abroad opportunities, taking advantage of professional and leadership development opportunities, and joining student organizations. The student panelists were transparent in talking about the risks and obstacles that could impact one's success and how they managed those risks and overcame obstacles.



Recipients of Genesis Energy, L.P. Scholarship

The College of Business recipients of the Genesis Energy, L.P. Scholarship are: CXourtney Shelmire, Simone Pillette, Caleb Ngoh, Suzannah Omonuk and Titilope Olokunde. To date, Genesis Energy L. P. has awarded \$50,000 in scholarship assistance.

Five New Courses Offered in Spring 2019

The College of Business in its mission to provide a quality business program is offering five first-time ever courses in the Spring 2019 semester to help students reach their financial goals. This opportunity will broaden their horizons and jump-start their careers. Comprehensive courses in Finance for the Series 7 will qualify students to complete the examination to work in the highly rewarding financial securities industry. Furthermore, structured courses in Supply Chain Management will prepare students for careers in the rapidly changing world of purchasing, logistics, and enterprise resource planning using SAP that major corporations are looking to hire. The Business Franchising course will give the students a more detailed look at entrepreneurship.

New Mentorship Program Launched

In an effort to support student success, the College of Business in collaboration with its Advisory Council members launched a Mentorship Program this fall. All College of Business students were afforded the opportunity to be paired with a mentor.

The mentors include professional alumni of the college and entrepreneurs. Mentees were matched with a mentor based on major and academic and professional goals. To date, a total of 97 College of Business students have been paired with 22 volunteer mentors.



Beta Gamma Sigma Inducts New Members

This fall the College of Business was pleased to welcome 11 new students at the Undergraduate and Graduate levels into the Beta Gamma Sigma Honor Society. Beta Gamma Sigma recognizes and honors top performing students from around the world in business schools accredited by the Association to Advanced Collegiate Schools of Business.

Marcus Hill, Courtney Wright, Rufaro Chirewa, Jada Joseph and Caleb Ngoh attended the Beta Gamma Sigma Global Leadership Summit in Chicago to learn more about innovative leadership. Beta Gamma Sigma's Global Leadership Summit is a premier annual event where hundreds of the highest achieving students from the top 5% of business schools around the world gather for a unique learning experience that further prepares them to meet the challenges of leadership in today's business environment.

Business School Working to Build Rapport with Middle and High School Students

Recruitment efforts in the College of Business continue to improve as middle and high school students are welcomed to visit the college and interact with faculty and students. This fall, Scotlandville Middle Magnet and Baker High visited the college. The program included a word from top administrators as well

as information on programs from each department chair. The College of Business Student Leadership Council members also entertained the students with entrepreneurial based activities and shared reflections of their experience at the College of Business. Also, Dr. Kimberly Powell visited her alma mater, Scotlandville Magnet High School where she spoke with a group of seniors in the entrepreneurship class about marketing and positioning.



Gala on the Bluff Raises \$70,000

The Gala on the Bluff yielded tremendous success as many came out this fall to support the annual scholarship fundraiser. As a result, approximately \$70,000 will be awarded to students in the Spring 2019 semester to assist with tuition and attending conferences and case competitions.



Business School Hosts Fulbright Scholar

The Department of Accounting, Finance, and Economics hosted Anne G. Gongwe from St. Augustine University of Tanzania as a Fulbright Scholar under the Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence Program (August – December 15, 2018). St. Augustine University of Tanzania has a memorandum of understanding with Southern University and A&M College and is in Mwanza, Tanzania, on the Eastern Shore of Lake Victoria. In the Department, Dr. Gongwe taught a microeconomics course and conducted research in collaboration with Dr. Aloyce R Kaliba. Their research focused on how to improve maize/corn productivity among small-scale maize/corn producers in Tanzania and risk management using rainfall index insurance programs.

College of Business MBA Program Host Global Leadership Series and Prepares for Online MBA

The Fall 2018 semester was another year of significant accomplishments for the College of Business Graduate Programs, faculty, staff, students and the College overall.

Throughout the semester, the College of Business MBA program has exposed its students to a wealth of knowledge in hosting the Global Leadership Speaker Series, the SU MBA Alumni Panel Discussion, and the Business Industry Speaker Series. A total of 15 speakers and panelists were invited into the college to help students better understand corporate operations, professional behavior and overall professionalism related to career preparedness. Notable speaker, Erwin McGowan spoke on "How to Monetize Your Personal and Professional Brand."



MBA Students Participated in the National Black MBA Association Annual Conference!

The National Black MBA Association Annual Conference and Exposition is one of the largest professional development and job recruitment events in the nation. Each year, this successful event attracts more than 9,000 business-minded attendees who are captivated to know about topics including career, education, entrepreneurship, lifestyle and leadership. Southern University A&M College Baton Rouge campus along with students from the Law Center volunteered at the 40th Annual Conference. They had access to the Career Fair and the opportunity to disseminate their resume to employers. The MBA department hosted an NMBBAA Orientation Session for volunteers to prepare for the Conference. For over 25 years, NMBBAA has welcomed MBA candidates from the nation's top business schools to

compete for \$50,000 in cash prizes and employment opportunities. The competition allows student consulting teams to analyze a complex business case, using their problem-solving skills and present their findings before a panel of Fortune 500 executives.

Graduate minority business students from the nation's leading colleges and universities compete for top ranking scholarships and employment opportunities. The students who participated in the Business Case Competition were Christian King, Kevitra Garrett, Jaelyn Bryant, and Kelechukwu Anyanwu. They were given one month to analyze a complex business case; demonstrate their problem-solving skills; and present their findings before a panel of senior-level executives from leading corporations and academic institutions from across the country. Overall, the NMBBAA is committed to

assisting Learning Institutions prepare students for careers in business and other advanced degrees.

By obligating Southern students to serve as volunteers at the 40th Annual Conference and Exposition in Detroit, it gave them the opportunity to expand their world through knowledge. Their exposure to top rated businesses and corporations, as well as, leading business professionals, can contribute to their educational and career path success, by icreating networking opportunities.

Online MBA Program Coming Soon!

During the Fall 2018 semester, the MBA Office developed a proposal to relaunch the SU Online MBA Program. Once the proposal is reviewed and approved by the appropriate units, the program will be launched in Fall 2019.

Finance Major Receives 2018 Society for Financial Education Award

The Department of Accounting, Finance and Economics faculty and students participated in several conferences this fall. In addition, several students received significant scholarships and awards.

Four faculty members — Drs. Vasantha R. Chigurupati, Sung C. No, Ghirmay S. Ghebreyesus, and Professor Sherman Pittman — and five students attended the Society for Financial Education and Professional Development, 11th Annual Financial Literacy Leadership Conference, in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Ms. Tamiko T. Stroud, a finance major, was awarded the 2018 Alumni Award by the Society for Financial Education and Professional Development. Two faculty members — Dr. Lauri Patterson and Professor Brittany Lee — and 13 students attended the Southern Regional Student Conference of the National Association of Black Accountants (NABA) in Atlanta, Georgia. Professor Sherman Pittman attended the 2018 NAAIA (National African-American Insurance Association) Annual Conference and Empowerment Summit, in Atlanta.

The Department of Accounting, Finance and Economics awarded Risk Management and Insurance Scholarship (\$2,000.00 per academic year) to six students majoring in finance with concentration in risk management and insurance. The scholarship recipients are: Melvin Emery III, Collandra Dunford, Jada P. Delpit, Martell A. Fontenot, Kevin Taylor-Jarell II, and Mekhi Robert Singleton. The Department also awarded Jindia Foundation Scholarship (\$500.00 each) to six students majoring in Finance. The scholarship recipients are Rufaro Chirewa, Kanton Joshua Jones, Myeyia Sumo, Collandra Dunford, LaJohn Kentrel Harris, and Tyler Tranice Mayweather.

Dr. Koffi Dodor attended the 2018 AAA (American Accounting Association) Annual Meeting on Teaching and Learning Accounting, in Washington D.C. on August 4-8, 2018. Dr. Sung C. No and Dr. Ghirmay S. Ghebreyesus attended the Western Economic Association 93rd Annual Conference in Vancouver, British Columbia.

Business School Wins Judges Award at Creating Neighborhood Developers Program

In March 2017, the EDA University Center for Economic and Entrepreneurial Development launched "Creating Neighborhood Developers' Program at the College of Business, Southern University A&M College.

In June 2018, the Creating Neighborhood Developers' (CNDs) program was selected as a finalist by UEDA (University Economic Development Association), which annually elicits all major universities in the nation to submit their economic development programs or projects for peer-reviewed evaluation and selections for the best practice in six areas. The six categories consist of (1) Talent, (2) Talent and Place, (3) Place, (4) Place and Innovation, (5) Innovation, and (6) Innovation and Talent.

This year, the association selected 22 major university teams for oral presentations at the Summit in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

The College of Business EDA grant was refunded \$500,000 over the course of five years. As a result, the Southern University



EDA team accepted the opportunity to present the Creating Neighborhood Developers' program and won the Judges Award for the Best Practice across all six categories. Team members included Dr. Donald Andrews (Dean, the College of Business), Mr. Eric Porter (Senior Managing Partner of ComNet, LLC) and Dr. Sung No (W.E. "Bill" Tucker endowed professor and Co-Director for the Center)

presented. In addition, the Center is also a recipient of the Journal Editor's award for best quality analysis.

The Program is a neighborhood revitalization program that aims to train low-income individuals and perspective investors to become active neighborhood developers.

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Events & Partnerships

Investiture of Chief Judge Felicia Toney Williams



SULC alumna, Judge Felicia Toney-Williams, made history as she was installed as the first African-American chief justice of Louisiana's 2nd Circuit Court of Appeal.

The Law Center led the planning and coordination of the banquet which was held December 13, 2018 at the Shreveport Convention Center before almost 500 attendees, while the judges of the 2nd Circuit orchestrated the ceremony.

Williams graduated magna cum laude with her bachelor's from Southern University. She then attended Southern University Law Center where she also graduated cum laude.

In 1992, she became the first woman elected to

Louisiana's 2nd Circuit Court of Appeal. She is currently in her third 10-year term on the court. Williams has managed to accomplish all of this while raising two children with husband Moses Williams, who is also an attorney.

As the chief judge of the appellate court, Williams supervises 20 parishes and can give direct input on cases that deal with extreme injustices. "Decisions where you can see racism, you can see prejudice, you can see sexism, bias, everything and to turn it around," she said in an interview to a local new station. "This is the court of review the facts and law."

She also said, during that interview, the key to success is all in the power of the mind. "Be better than the best without saying you have to; You don't have to. You can accept any role in this life. But you have the authority to be better than the best. Work hard and believe that you can."

Partnerships

Coushatta Tribe Donation

Southern University Law Center received a donation from the Coushatta Tribe in furtherance of the MOU signed by the entities.

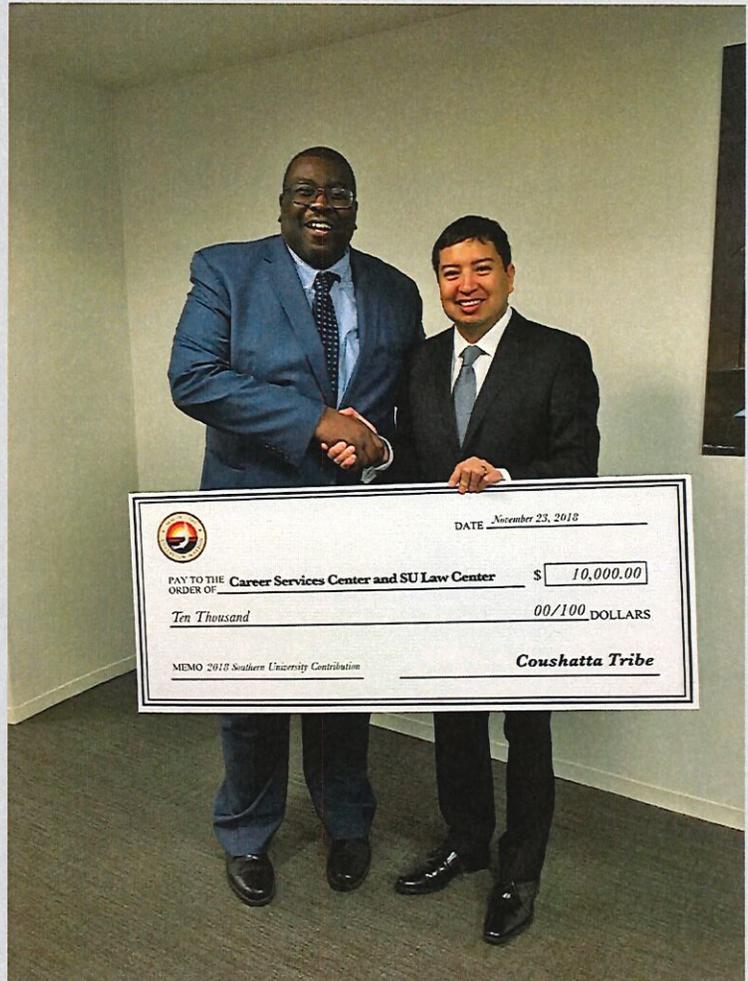
The Law Center is in the process of starting an Indian Law Program that focuses on issues pertinent to tribes in the Southern and Eastern United States. To launch the Program, the Law Center held a conference on Tribal Courts and Tribal Sovereignty on November 1 and 2, 2018.

The Law Center has also entered into an MOU with the Tunica-Biloxi Tribe and hopes to secure agreements with all recognized Tribes of Louisiana with a focus of training students in the areas

relative to the law and business interests of the respective reservations.

Currently, the Law Center and the tribes are planning business and economic development summits respectively. The events will be held in March and April of 2019.

Topics of interests include: Financial Services (Credit restoration, financial literacy), tribal lending, fiber optics, 5G, healthcare, oil and gas, workforce development (Department of Education), artificial intelligence, Homeland Security, USDA, DOT, DOI, and SBA.



Student Spotlight

2L Shawnita Goosby Pens Article Published by the ABA

“Sorry honey, mommy’s busy: How to survive law school with children”



Law school is stressful by pure design alone. The strenuous course schedule and endless reading assignments, learning and reprogramming your brain to think like a lawyer are the challenges most law students face in addition to outside pressures. These outside pressures may include romantic relationships, financial struggles, and the like.

However, there is one particular group of law students who are often not mentioned during discussions of time and stress management: parents.

The average age of an entering law student is 23 to 24 years old. However, a significant number of new law students are non-traditional students. Non-traditional students are those students who have spent a considerable amount of time in the workforce before applying and attending law school or are significantly over the age of the median 1L class age.

Some also consider students with children to fall into this category of a nontraditional student as well. Knowing the stress of law school for the average student, imagine that stress plus factoring in the responsibility of caring for a child.

Often things that those without children may overlook and not consider, are merely a normal day in the life of a parent law student. Generally, the younger a child is, the more care that is required. When I began my law school career, I was classified as a non-traditional law student. At that time, I was a 32-year-old divorcee and mother of two children. My youngest child turned one a few days before I began my first day of class.

I spent about 10 years in the workforce prior to law school and earned a bachelor’s and master’s degree. I earned these degrees while working and caring for one child, my oldest son, who I had as an undergraduate.

However, despite this experience of navigating school while parenting before, I found having a child in law school, especially a young child, to be nerve-wrecking and sometimes disheartening.

My first year of law school taught me several things concerning endurance. I went through a period of trial and error where I found what systems work for me to help produce a better result academically and mentally.

So, here are few tips/things I learned concerning balancing law school and parenting . . .

Read Ms. Goosby’s article in its entirety at www.abaforlawstudents.com. She is a 2L with a bachelor’s degree from Albany State University and also holds a Master’s in Criminal Justice. She is the proud mother of two children; Sir and Sky

Student Spotlight

Students' EZ Plea Concept Earns First Place BizTech Honors



SULC's Law and Technology students, Christine Baker, Cathy Baker, Warren Bates, Antwon Bloxson, Matthew Sandifer, and Tyrone Williams*, won first place in the "Digital and Media Technologies" category of the Bayou Classic BizTech Challenge with their EZ Plea concept.

EZ Plea is an online dispute resolution service designed to bridge the gap between available lawyers and the thousands of Louisiana poor who need help with their criminal cases. For their first place finish in their category, the students received a prize of \$1000. The team advanced to the live pitch round in New Orleans at the Bayou Classic held Friday, November 23. For their efforts, the students were rewarded with hotel and travel accommodations as well as tickets to the Bayou Classic game held the following Saturday.

The students hope to launch their services in the near future.

Remarkable Alumni

Alumnus Sworn In as District Court Judge



Southern University Law Center alumnus, Attorney and Judge-elect Marcus Hunter, took the Oath of Office at the Ouachita Parish Courthouse on November 20, 2018. Hunter, a former state representative, is now a 4th Judicial District Court judge in the criminal division.

A graduate of the Julia C. Wossman High School in Monroe, Hunter received, in 2002, a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology from Southern University and a Juris Doctorate in 2005 from the Southern University Law Center.

After being admitted to the Louisiana Bar, Hunter opened a small business, United Title of Northeast Louisiana, and practiced at Willie Hunter Jr., and Associates, alongside his father and brother.

He is married to Dr. Tonya H. Hunter, an OB/GYN and owner/managing member of The Well Woman Center in Monroe. The couple has two children.

Remarkable Alumni

MarketPlace Development Appoints Alumna Kathleen Verret as Vice President



Alexandria, Virginia – A national development powerhouse, MarketPlace Development, has appointed airport industry veteran Kathleen Verret as Vice President, Washington Region, for Ronald Reagan National Airport and Dulles International Airport. Kathleen will direct MarketPlace Development's airport concessions planning, strategies and programs at Reagan National and Dulles International Airports in partnership with the Metropolitan

Washington Airports Authority. Kathleen is a 20-year airport industry veteran with experience managing and directing airport concession and lease programs at medium and large hub airports, including Ronald Reagan Washington National and Dulles International Airports for the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority, Chicago's O'Hare and Midway Airports, as well as the Lambert-St. Louis International Airport.

She began her career with the Louis Armstrong-New Orleans International Airport as the in-house legal counsel, advising the New Orleans Aviation Board and the airport's executive staff on all legal matters involving the management and operation of the airport.

Ms. Verret experience also includes working for Avis/Budget Group, the parent company of Avis and Budget Rent a Car companies, as the Regional Properties Director for the central region of the United States. She represented both rental car companies on real estate and concession contract matters at numerous airports and non-airport locations. Kathleen's most recent position was that of Senior Director, Concessions Management with Unison Consulting in Chicago, Illinois. Her responsibilities included directing the management of day-to-day concessions program and staff at Chicago O'Hare and Midway International Airports for the City of Chicago, Department of Aviation, as well as implementing strategies to optimize revenue for the concessions program.

Kathleen holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science and public administration from Xavier University of Louisiana. She also holds a Juris Doctorate in civil law from Southern University Law Center in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

MarketPlace Development, a New England Development company, develops and manages airport retail programs across the country. A recognized industry leader for over 20 years, MarketPlace Development works in partnership with airports and airlines to enhance passenger satisfaction and maximize revenue. The Massachusetts-based company is responsible for the concessions programs at Boston Logan International Airport, Philadelphia International Airport, Reagan National Airport, and Dulles International Airport and has also worked with numerous airports and airlines across the country. - Alexandria News

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CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

*Knight with
the Chancellor
Raises Dollars
for Scholars*



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Ann Smith, chair of the Southern University System Board of Supervisors, was the guest speaker at the Knight with the Chancellor Scholarship Banquet Fundraiser Nov. 9. The elegant event featured food and musical entertainment. Pictured above from left are, SGA President Warren Thompson, SUS Board Chair Ann Smith, Chancellor Lisa Mims-Devezin and Vice Chancellor Brenda Jackson. At left, Mr. Thompson presents a gift to Dr. Mims-Devezin.

Kwanzaa Celebration Features SUNO Professor's Play



Pittsburg Actor, Playwright & August Wilson Award Representative Wali Jamal, from left, Director Anthony Bean and SUNO Professor & Playwright Norbert Davidson.



Director Anthony Bean

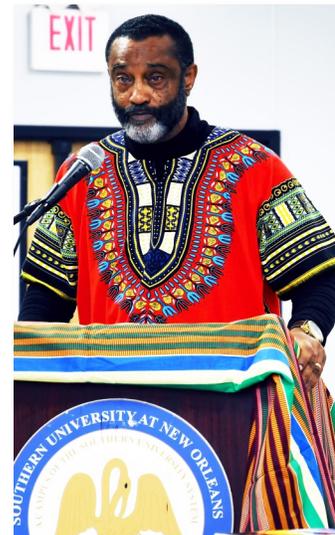
The Center for African & African American Studies (CAAAS) presented its annual Kwanzaa Celebration Nov. 12. This year, the celebration featured “El Hajj Malik: A Play About Malcolm X.” The play was written by SUNO Professor Norbert R. Davidson and directed by Anthony Bean, a New Orleans actor, director and playwright. During the event, Mr. Bean received the August Wilson Award.



Chancellor Lisa Mims-Devezin



Actors Monique Christy, from left, DC Paul and Dominique Randolph star in “El Hajj Malik: A Play About Malcolm X.”



CAAAS Director Clyde Robertson

College of Arts & Sciences

Dr. Evelyn Harrell, Dean

► ARTS AND HUMANITIES

Professor Connie Dorsey Abdul-Salaam opened her exhibit “Reclaiming Our Heritage: Traditional West African Coiffure” Nov. 6 at St. Mary’s Academy High School. The exhibit consists of photos of SUNO students who wear traditional West African coiffure/hairstyles, SUNO’s Center for African and African American Studies artifacts, as well as artifacts from her personal collection. During the months of November and December, Professor Abdul-Salaam presented a lecture to approximately 200 students. The lecture explains the historical aspects of traditional West African coiffure in Africa and in the Americas. The exhibit is scheduled to close Dec. 21 and will open at St. Catherine Drexel High School in January. An article, “Reclaiming Our Heritage: Traditional West African Coiffure,” appeared in the December issue of the *Clarion Herald*.



Dr. Deneen Lewis and Professor Connie Dorsey Abdul-Salaam



► NATURAL SCIENCES

Dr. Illya Tietzel hosted a Nov. 19 visit by Dr. Lisa Harrison-Bernard (pictured above), Dr. Maureen Basha and Ms. Paula Datri from the Louisiana State University Health Science Center on the Post baccalaureate Research Education Program (PREP) in Biomedical Sciences. This program — the only one of its kind in the Louisiana — places underrepresented minorities in a one-year program in biomedical research.



Dr. Tietzel volunteered as judge at the LSU Undergraduate Research Conference in Baton Rouge Oct. 26. He and Dr. Mostafa Elaasar also were co-authors of the talk given by Roshawn Mitchell-Cleveland, a SUNO student, about her research entitled “Using *Caenorhabditis elegans* as a Bio Detector for Radiation on a Microfluidic Chip.”

Dr. Tietzel attended the Fall 2018 Council Meeting of the Louisiana Space Consortium at LSU Health Science Center in Shreveport Nov. 9 -10. He is the institutional coordinator of the

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LASpace grant and a co-mentor of Roshaun Mitchell-Cleveland, a SUNO undergraduate.

On Nov. 7, Dr. Tietzel submitted a grant proposal to the Research Competitiveness Subprogram (RCS) of the Louisiana Board of Regents entitled “Microplastic, Microbiome, Host Interactions.” Microplastics are found throughout the biosphere and their impact on marine species is drawing considerable attention and becoming a growing environmental concern.

Ms. Kiera Broussard, a mentee of Dr. Murty Kambhampati, was accepted to participate in Winter Mini Workshop at Brookhaven National Laboratory (BNL) in January 2019. All travel and lodging expenses will be funded by BNL.



Dr. Abigail Bockus (pictured above sixth from the left), assistant professor of Marine Biology at Louisiana Universities and Marine Consortium (LUMCON), gave a talk on career and research opportunities at LUMCON and elsewhere to the class of Environmental Science Awareness. Dr. Bockus’ presentation was hosted by Dr. Murty Kambhampati Nov. 29.

Dr. John-Clifford Obih organized and hosted the Landry-Walker High School STEM Day Nov. 13. The program involved motivational presentations and practical laboratory activities in Biology and Forensic Science by a group of 30 Landry-Walker students led by their instructor, Ms. Nichole Jasmin. SUNO recruiters also made a presentation.

At the invitation of Dr Augustus-Wallace, director of LSUHSC Diversity Office, Dr. Obih escorted four junior/ senior students – Shona Machona, Jacy Haynes, Reginell Meridy and Peace Ekpo – to the LSU Health Science Center (LSUHSC) School of Graduate Studies' Open House Nov. 16. The visit involved a schedule of detailed exposure to various graduate programs followed by a tour of the departments and laboratories, including the LSUHSC Health Center.

► MUSEUM STUDIES PROGRAM

Research/ Presentations

Dr. Haitham Eid’s new book, *Museum Innovation and Social Entrepreneurship: A New Model for a Changing Era* (1st Edition) is now available for preorder and is scheduled for publication on March 2019.

Campus

The M.A. Museum Studies Program is organizing a class trip to Egypt April 8 – 18, 2019 as part of Dr. Eid’s class, MUSE 660 International Museums and Cultures.

On Nov. 5, Dr. Sara Hollis hosted the new Curator of African Art at the New Orleans Museum of Art, Dr. Ndubuisi Ezeoluomba on SUNO’s campus.

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Community

Dr. Eid attended Mayor Cantrell's International Education Appreciation Day at the Jazz Heritage Center Nov. 13. He also was a guest on Noelani Musicaro's Radio Show, "The Art of Kindness," on 102.3 WHIV FM.

Dr. Hollis attended Open Studio at Joan Mitchell Center on Nov. 13. She also attended the opening exhibition at the Healing Center's 2nd Story Gallery Nov. 10.

On Nov. 7, Drs. Hollis and Eid attended the reception of Dr. Ndubuisi Ezeoluomba, the new Curator of African Art at the New Orleans Museum of Art, hosted by Charles and Kent Davis.

Dr. Eid hosted the NOPC Board meeting on Nov. 18.

College of Business & Public Administration

Dr. Igwe Udeh, Dean

► COLLEGE OF BUSINESS WEEK CELEBRATIONS

The College of Business & Public Administration hosted its annual **College of Business Week** (CBA Week) Nov. 5-8. The event was sponsored by Appointed Financial Group. The theme was "Empowering Future Leaders thru Entrepreneurship, Technology, and Public Service." The week was organized by the College of Business Student Advisory Council in collaboration with the College of Business Office of Student Services and CBA's SARPd faculty subcommittee. The program agenda was developed with input from the leaders of the SUNO chapter of National Black MBA Association, Public Administration Association, Computer Information Systems

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Club, Information Systems Audit and Control Association (ISACA) Club and Beta Gamma Sigma business honor society. More than 475 participants attended the events.

DAY ONE: Morning Session

The Swearing in of the New CBA Student Advisory Council Officers



Miss College of Business Navis Hill, Dean Igwe Udeh and Mr. College of Business Master Woodfork

Organizations Represented: Beta Gamma Sigma; CIS Club; National Black MBA Association; Phi Beta Lambda; Public Administration Association; Information Systems Audit and Control Association.

Crowning of Mr. & Miss College of Business

Mr. College of Business is Master Woodfork, senior Business Administration major. Miss College of Business is Navis Hill, senior Business Administration major.

DAY ONE: Evening Session

Speaker Series-Session I Topic: A Business Approach to Addressing the New Orleans Homeless Population. Speaker: Ms. Madelyn Sanchez, Deputy Director, City of New Orleans Office of Community Development.



DAY TWO: Morning Session

Corporate and Public Sector Employment Career Fair

Employers Participants: DXC Technology; FBI, U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency; Louisiana State Police; Operation Spark; SUBR-MBA Program; SUNO-MS/CIS Program; SUNO-MSW Program; Waffle House and Walgreens.

DAY TWO: Afternoon Session

Speaker Series-Session II Topic: The Role of Alumni Engagement in Alma Mater Perception and Wealth

Speaker: Mrs. Gloria B. Moultrie, chief administrative officer for Community Outreach, Public Relations and Alumni Affairs.



DAY THREE: Morning Session

CBA Student-Entrepreneurs Career Fair & Talent Show

Participating CBA Student-Entrepreneurs: Kayke Fanatik (Kenyatta Bellock, owner); The Lab (Patrick Robertson, owner); Executive Style Barbering (Don Graham, owner); Navis Hill Artistry (Navis Hill, owner); Mr. Black (Kevin McCathen, owner); The Hangover Bar & Grill (Debbie Marcadel, owner); IMUNIQUE (Catrease Newsome, owner); Just Rays (Ray Robertson, owner); My Dream Team &

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Michael Hecht, president & CEO of GNO Inc.

Changers Staffing & Janitorial Services (Mikella Womack, owner).

DAY THREE: Nov. 7 – Evening Session

Speaker Series-Session III Topic: Emerging Business and Career Opportunities in the Metro New Orleans Region

Speaker: Mr. Michael Hecht, President & CEO, GNO Inc.



Tanya Nettles, from left, Dr. Igwe Udeh, Attorney Suzan Jackson, Kristen Sceau (and SBDMI Director Cynthia Beaulieu).



DAY FOUR: Nov. 8 – Afternoon Session

Multicultural Dress and Food Festival

Sponsor: CBA Student Organization and CBA Faculty & Staff.

Notary Public Licensure Award Ceremony

In fulfillment of its mission of creating and supporting entrepreneurship opportunities in the community, the staff of the SUNO Small Business Development & Management Institute (SBDMI) celebrated the achievement of two more candidates, Tanya Nettles and Kisten Sceau, who successfully completed the Louisiana Notary Public courses offered by SBDMI and passed the Louisiana notary exams. Dr. Igwe Udeh, Dean, Mrs. Cynthia Beaulieu, SBDMI Director, and Ms. Suzan Jackson, administered the notary oath of office. Ms. Jackson and Mr. Craig Duronslet were the notary class instructors.

The notary program has been offered by the SBDMI for the past four years and has enabled several completers to start their own notary business. Another notary class begins Jan. 29. Interested candidates should contact the SBDMI at 504-284-5514 or dthomas@suno.edu.

The Affordable Care Act (ACA) Debate

With funding from the Charles Koch Foundation, the College of Business & Public Administration hosted the Affordable Care Act (ACA) Debate with the topic *“Should the United States Congress Repeal or Replace the Affordable Care Act?”* Nov. 13. This is the third funding to SUNO from the Charles Koch foundation related to educating the students and the community about pressing social, economic and political issues with long-term impacts on individual, families, communities and the nation. The first two debates were on minimum wage and balancing the federal budget.

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Dean Igwe Udeh, Don Graham, Navis Hill and Dr. Douglas Marshall

The other objective of the debate was to improve the oral communication skills not just of the student-debaters, but also of the students in the audience. The current debate funding was secured from a grant proposal written by the College of Business faculty and staff, with Dr. Faisal Alkhateeb, associate professor of Business, as the Principal Investigator. Nine student contestants and 15 faculty and staff members participated in the debate. Students came from different disciplines, including business, public administration, social work, social sciences and humanities. Each participating student received a list of journal articles related to the costs and benefits of the ACA, which they had to read and summarize. The students and faculty attended several sessions to discuss issues raised in the literature and any other source.

Dr. Douglas Marshall, assistant professor of Communication, served as the debate coach, while other faculty members served as subject matter coaches. The student debaters were Navis Hill, Don Graham, David Walker, Akilah Gordon, Darnisha Lumpkin, Kamaryn Hunt, Genevieve Mojo-eyes, Roy Lomard and Jada Riley. The faculty and staff who supported the program were Douglas Marshall, Yanjun Yu, Timotea Bailey, Adrine Harrell-Carter, Ira Neighbors, Laura Collins, Robert Elliott, Biruk Alemayehu, Patricia Robertson, Demetra Martin, Shelina Gethers, Faisal Alkhateeb, Igwe Udeh, Pharissa Robinson and Mike Meehen.



Navis Hill and Don Graham won first place, while David Walker and Akilah Gordon came in second. The first-place winners went home with \$1,000 each, while the second-place winners received \$550 each. Close to 400 students from disciplines across the campus participated in the debate programs.

► OUTREACH TO STUDENTS AND COMMUNITY

Entrepreneurship Project Poster Showcase Showdown

During the Fall 2018 semester, each student in Dr. Adrine Harrell-Carter's Entrepreneurship Project (ENTR 470) was required to develop a subscription-based business plan. Each student showcased his/her plan on a poster, which will be

presented to potential investors in a simulated trade show. The students came up with unique subscription-based business plans, including car detailing, vitamin supply, beauty and spa treatment, beer supply and plus-size women's lingerie. Poster judges were mostly faculty and staff from the College of Business & Public Administration.

New Orleans Regional Innovation Alliance Meeting Attendance

Dean Udeh attended the Regional Innovation Alliance Quarterly Meeting at the JEDCO Conference Center in Avondale, LA., Nov. 8. The theme of the meeting was "The Future of Advanced Manufacturing in Greater New Orleans." Various topics related to strategies for preparing the New Orleans Metro Area workforce to support advanced manufacturing industry needs were discussed. The topics include (1) Commercialization of Research: EDA I6 Application (Lacy McManus, GNO, Inc.); (2) Workforce De-

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velopment: Urban Water Management Certificate Program, Mechatronics Apprenticeship Program (Lacy McManus, GNO, Inc.); (3) Regional Brand: Opportunities with International Trade Administration (Lacy McManus, GNO, Inc.); (4) The Future of Avondale (Jerry Bologna, CEO of JEDCO); (5) SCALE: Advanced Manufacturing Shared Workspace (Lyle LeBlanc, COO of Entrescan); and (6) Small Tech Summit Recap (Mark Stahl). The Metro Area already is endowed with key infrastructures essential for industrial growth, but continues to lag behind in the supply of a highly trained workforce essential to attract advanced manufacturing industries.

► SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT & MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE

New Business Start-Up Workshops; Nov. 7-8; Small Business Incubator Building; two workshop sessions each day; Ms. Diana Thomas & Ms. Cynthia Beaulieu.

HBCU-CDAC Clean Energy Regional Roundtable; Nov. 8-9; Johnson C. Smith University, Charlotte, N.C.; engage Charlotte, NC., stakeholders and making the case for expanding access to clean energy in low-wealth and underserved communities in Charlotte, NC. by connecting to the HBCU Clean Energy Initiative and creating opportunities for low wealth communities.

Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses Rocket Pitch; Nov. 27; Delgado Community College, Student Life Center; Coach and advise participants of the program on the strengths of their pitches and areas of improvement; Ms. Patrice William-Smith and Ms. Cynthia Beaulieu.

Louisiana Economic Development (LED) Peer-to-Peer Roundtable; Nov. 29; 4th of 10 sessions; CBA Executive Conference Room; 11 participants; business owners met for peer-to-peer learning, brainstorming and problem solving. The Business owners safely explored business and personal issues in a supportive, confidential and trusting environment. The roundtables are problem-solving sessions that address issues important to the business owner. Invited industry guests discuss access to new and innovative business and business growth; Ms. Irma Dixon, Facilitator, Ms. Cynthia Beaulieu, Director SBDMI. The Peer-to Peer Guest Speaker was Mr. John Matthews, LED-SEBD Director and Mr. Rick Mithun, CNCO Development LLC.



► OFFICE OF STUDENT SERVICES (OSS)

OSS hosted a successful CBA week, themed “Empowering Future Leaders thru Entrepreneurship, Technology, and Public

Service.” The week included the Crowning of Mr./Ms. CBA; the induction of CBA Student Leadership; a civic engagement activity on Homelessness; the CBA Mini Career Fair; and a the CBA Student Entrepreneurial Showcase. The week with our the annual Multicultural Dress and Food Festival, with students and faculty contributing their native foods from around the world.

The OSS participated in weekly Recruitment Managers video conference with LED/DXC Representatives to discuss recruitment strategies. OSS Director Timotea Bailey spoke at the SUNO Senior Class and CIS Club meetings to provide students with information on career opportunities with DXC Technologies. She also submitted a draft of the DXC Strategic Plan and a budget plan for the DXC/SUNO initiative. Along with the SUS-DXC Project Manager, she hosted the inaugural meeting of the Technology Workforce Group.

College of Education & Human Development

Dr. Willie Jones, Interim Dean

► HIGHLIGHTS

Dr. Deborah Darby has involved her students in discussions, activities and research regarding “Anti-Bullying Campaigns in Schools.” Her research is ongoing across semesters. The goal is to raise the awareness of teacher candidates as it relates to this pervasive problems in grades K-12 – and post-secondary arenas. This effort is particularly helpful in her “Diverse Learners” and “Introduction to Teaching” courses.

Students have created (and acted out) scenarios about bullying, considering: understanding bullying, warning signs for bullying and bullying prevention and intervention tips.

A beneficial by-product of this research for future educators is to raise the awareness of students of self-reflection regarding needed dispositions in the field of education. Given the proliferation of violence on school campuses across the nation, the highlight on bullying is crucial.

Dr. Darby served as one of the co-investigators in the submission of the Board of Regents grant and attended the Louisiana Association of Computer-Using Educators Conference. She also completed the Blumen Training for the College of Education & Human Development and served as a committee member on the Departmental RTP committee.



The Honoré Center for Undergraduate Student Achievement recognized Gen. Russell L. Honoré with an award for his support to the program.

Also, the Honoré Men participated usherd guests during the True Blue Foundation’s Gala in the Hyatt Regency Grand Ballroom.

► RESEARCH

As a member of the International Bullying Association, Dr. Darby’s action research goal is to create an ‘Anti-Bullying Campaign’ in the College of Education & Human Development as the college continues to prepare educators to enter and/or remain in the field of Education. This campaign will provide information on resources, tools, strategies and scholarship opportunities to conduct such a campaign. In a wider scope, she hopes to create a University-wide ‘Anti-Bullying Campaign’ at Southern University at New Orleans.

Publications

Dr. Celina Carson’s dissertation, “Influence of Trees and Soil Amendment on Tomato Plants Growth and Yield in Urban Soil from the



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Lower Ninth Ward of New Orleans, Louisiana,” was published by ProQuest Dissertation Publishing.

► GRANTS

Community Partnership Grant – New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Foundation

As the Executive Director of St. Bernard Enrichment & Rehabilitation Corporation, Dr. Darby is the Grant writer and recipient of grant (2018-2019); Grant Award \$1,500 – with matching funds through the Corporation.

This grant supports after-school and summer educational and arts programs offered by non-profit (tax-exempt) organizations in Louisiana. In addition to learning to play musical instruments, the goal of this grant is to enhance life-long math skills of participants (grades K-12). Such skills include, but are not limited to, counting, measurement, fractions, etc. Ancillary to these skills is the development of increased concentration, self-confidence and improvement in academic skills. The program presently operates weekly (after school) and continues during the summer. Award years – 2015-Present.

New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Foundation – Community Outreach Award (Tickets)

Award Years – 2014-Present

The goal of this grant is to expose participants to the music/arts festival and to reinforce the academic and social implications of this exposure. In addition, such activities provide an alternative to the many unsavory activities in many communities.

► PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Dr. Darby attended Webinars in the areas of teacher preparation, safe schools initiatives and counseling Webinars through the American Counseling Association and the Louisiana Counseling Association.

► OTHER NEWS

As a Licensed Professional Counselor, Dr. Darby provided pro bono counseling/life coach activities in a community-based setting.

Dr. Carson developed and distributed several health information brochures and newsletters to participants at the SUNO 2018 Health Fair. Brochure and newsletters topics were: “10 Potential Causes of Chronic Inflammation”; “Pain Relief the Natural Way”; “Could Your Asthma, Sinusitis, Peptic Ulcer or Rheumatoid Arthritis be Controlled by Your Diet?”; “Drink Your Way to Good Health”; “Brain Food for Academic Achievement.”

School of Social Work

Dr. Rebecca Chaisson, Dean

Faculty and students in the School of Social Work have been engaged in the community making learning a community experience. For example, Dr. Patrice Sentino worked with several students to engage them in a national conference that focused on Alzheimer’s disease while Mrs. Yolanda Mims and Ms. Angela Newman from the Office of Services for Students with Disabilities, facilitated a Toys for Tots drive. One social work student collected cleaning supplies for elderly citizens for the holidays. Another group of students participated in “Geaux Vote,” a voting drive sponsored by the Urban League of Greater New Orleans.

The School of Social Work has been working on revising the field/internship courses to provide the optimal experience for students. The School planned an alumni roundup scheduled Dec. 14. Dr. Karen Martin, Mr. Ronald Fletcher and Mr. Segura are planning the first large alumni gathering in the School of Social Work.

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► JOHN M. BERRY, PH.D, ALUMNUS

Dr. John M. Berry, an alumnus of the School of Social Work, visited Chancellor Lisa Mims-Devezin and Dean Chaisson during the Bayou Classic weekend. He discussed memories of his education at Southern University at New Orleans and the attentive education that he received while taking classes in the School of Social Work. He has been invited to visit the school and perhaps speak to an audience of students and alumni. Dr. Berry is an inspiration to all as he is now the CEO of the Tri-County Child and Family Development Council Inc. His organization serves more than 1,000 children in three counties in Iowa. He has had fellowships at Harvard, Columbia and Vanderbilt universities. He is an accomplished administrator and is skilled in development.

► DR. PATRICE SENTINO

Dr. Sentino and the School of Social Work collaborated with Healed3D Inc. for the 2nd Annual Alzheimer's Triple E Summit. The event was at the Renaissance New Orleans Arts Warehouse District Hotel Nov. 9-10. The summit provided education on professional practices relating to Alzheimer's disease and Dementia, as well as addressing the rapidly growing numbers of caregivers within the United States and systems of care. Dr. Sentino coordinated with BSW and MSW students to serve as volunteers for this conference.



Arielle Joseph, seated from left, Rachea Robertson and Shannon Payne. Standing from left: Naimalika Taylor, Lakisha Morris, Sharon Walton, Jarella James, Dr. Patrice Sentino, Jasmine Thomas, Lucretia Turner, Jada Daniels, Cafie Doucette and Heather Bell.

► SOCIAL WORK STUDENTS AND OFFICE OF DISABILITY SERVICES

Two of Social Work students, Ms. Linda Okoronkwo and Lakisha Morris, co-led the Toys for Tots event sponsored by the Office of Services for Students with Disabilities. Mrs. Yolanda Mims and Ms. Angela Newman collected eight boxes of brand new toys for children. They received two bicycles as well. Donors were treated to a luncheon and raffle in the School of Social Work.

Still another student from the School of Social Work, Ms. Adriana Johnson, collected cleaning supplies for elderly residents living in senior centers in Orleans Parish.

► DR. HYACINTH MCKEE

Dr. McKee facilitated students participating in the "Geaux Vote" drive sponsored by the Urban League of Greater New Orleans. The students attended the 24-hour event that informs and supports the importance of voting rights. Dr. McKee also is the faculty sponsor of Phi-Alpha. In this capacity, students are providing much needed input about the new vision statement for the school. Dr. McKee plans to have the students work on a branding slogan as well.

► DR. IRA NEIGHBORS

Dr. Neighbors served as a judge for the annual College of Business Debate. The topic was "The Affordable Care Act. In addition, Dr. Neighbors recently had a paper presentation "Artistic Expressions of Walter James Lowe III: An Unknown Artist," accepted by the National Association of African American Studies. This national meeting



Dr. Igwe Udeh, Dr. Ira Neighbors and Dr. Douglas Marshall

Social Work Continued

is in Dallas, TX this year. He is scheduled to present his paper during the conference and will serve as a moderator for the conference.

► DR. DERRICK FREEMAN

Dr. Freeman and Dr. Sentino had a second article, “A Review of the Literature: An Examination correlation Between attachment Styles and Adolescent Girls’ Sexual Behaviors,” accepted for publication in the *Journal of Human Behavior and the Social Environment*.

Title III

Dr. Brenda Jackson, Vice Chancellor



Dr. Deneen Lewis
General Studies Director

► PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

The General Studies Program was established in the 2002-03 academic year as a campus-based program. The Program, which serves as a beacon light for those students who may have lost hope of graduating from college or obtaining their college degree, provides students with an enhanced, comprehensive and broad-based liberal education that offers a Bachelor of General Studies degree with the successful completion of 120 credit hours. A student seeking a B.S. degree in General Studies has the option of selecting from an array of pre-approved areas of concentration including: African American Studies, Business, English, Health Information Management Systems, Humanities, Political Science or Social Science.

The goals of the program are to provide: (1) students with an enhanced, academically challenging and comprehensive liberal education from established traditional undergraduate curricula; (2) a flexible course of study that will establish an interdisciplinary approach to the development of students; (3) a support environment that will instill an understanding and appreciation of the social, political, cultural and economic forces that shape communities at the local, state, national and international levels; (4) students with quality counseling and to assist the students in meeting their academic goals; (5) students with academic support programs that will enhance their successful matriculation; and (6) provide a sound undergraduate foundation that will prepare students for the workplace, graduate education and service to their communities.

The first director of the program was the late Mrs. JoAnn Anderson. Mrs. Anderson was followed by the late Ms. Marina Dumas Haynes, who served as interim director until Dr. Mary Vaughn took over the helm. The current director, Dr. Deneen Lewis, has been serving in this capacity since 2014.

The major impact on the University as a result of this Title III-supported program is a 50 percent increase in the six-year completer/graduation rate that Southern University at New Orleans has achieved since 2014. In 2014, the number of graduates/completers was 15 and by 2017, that number jumped to 34.

Title III Program Support

The Title III Program provides the financial and programmatic support that assists in enhancing and strengthening the impact of the General Studies Program on its students. Title III assists with funding of personnel; professional meetings, conferences, workshops — in and out of town; consultants; technology equipment and educational/program supplies and materials.

Title III Continued

Dr. Robertson and Ms. Linda Hill, Curator/ Archivist-CAAAS, were awarded a Certificate of Appreciation from Dr. Deneen Lewis, director of the General Studies Program, for being Outstanding Guest Speakers in the GNST 400 (Seminar for Majors Class).

Kudos to the Staff

Along with Dr. Lewis, the General Studies staff consists of a counselor/ academic advisor and SUNO alumna, Ms. Nyla Ceasar Noble, and an administrative assistant and SUNO alumna, Ms. Karen M. Washington. All of these individuals work extremely hard, as a TEAM (Togetherness Empowers All Mechanisms), to ensure that all of its students' academic needs are met; that they are advised and counseled appropriately; that they remain encouraged; that they stay on track with their course work; that their grade point averages do not fall below 2.0; that they graduate timely; and that they have an overall successful experience in the General Studies Program. The General Studies director and staff work hard to increase all of their students' chances of experiencing upward mobility and success in their educational, personal and professional lives.



Karen M. Washington, left, and Nyla Ceasar Noble

A General Studies Success Story

"Better late than never," is what comes to mind after hearing Regina Green's story. Regina was home alone, on crutches from an injury and not working. She had been in and out of college for 29 years and was two years shy of receive her college degree when she received a phone call in 2016 that would change the course of her life.



Regina Green

The phone rang and the caller ID read: Southern University at New Orleans. When she picked up the phone, Dr. Deneen Lewis of SUNO's General Studies Program was on the other end.

"This is Deneen Lewis of SUNO's General Studies Program," Dr. Lewis said. "Our records show that you came close to graduating but didn't finish. I'm calling today to see if we can be of help get you back in school."

This proactive phone call planted a seed in Regina's mind that she could go back to school, finish her coursework and earn her degree.

"SUNO is where I needed to be," Regina said. "Since enrolling at SUNO in 1989, I never attended another University. From 1989 to 2016, I had been in and out of school, dropping out because I got married, then because I had children, and then, ultimately, because I had to work. Basically, life happened. Then SUNO stepped in. SUNO didn't give up on me."

Not only did she graduate in May 2018, but she graduated alongside her daughter. "I will be forever grateful to SUNO and Dr. Deneen Lewis," Regina said.

Today, she is a proud educator in New Orleans and the owner of a tutoring service for kids.

Student Support Services

Linda Frederick, Director

► CELEBRATING 41 YEARS OF SERVICE

Southern University at New Orleans TRiO Student Support Services (SSS) Program hosted a celebration to mark 41 years of service in conjunction with the 50th Anniversary of the Federal SSS TRiO Programs Celebration. Over these 50 years, Student Support Services has created graduates that are transformational individuals, passionate citizens and global leaders. The Oct. 22 celebration included Trio Jeopardy, door prizes and refreshments.

Student Support Services Continued

TRiO Student Support Services is a federal program designed to increase academic performance, retention, and graduation rates of eligible students. The program offers a number of different services including: academic advising, course selection, group/personal counseling, study skills, tutoring, motivational seminars, cultural enrichment activities, peer mentoring and assistance in completing and applying for the FAFSA. These, along with other assistance systems and services, are designed to maximize students' chances at success in college.

Southern University at New Orleans students who participate in the SSS program have consistently graduated at a higher rate than their peers within the University.

► TRiO Student Support Services Presents Financial Literacy Seminar

Financial literacy, responsibility, accountability, living within your means, investments, retirement, FAFSA, SAP, federal student aid and scholarships were topics our last two guests' speakers discussed with students who attended the seminar. Ms. Shirl Darce, VOYA financial representative; and Mrs. Lacharlotte Garrett, SUNO's Financial Aid director, provided an excellent mix of knowledge, humor and specific information about being financially responsible.



The students were attentive and actively participated in the discussions. The speakers presented real-world information and life scenarios, and the students asked insightful questions. The students learned the importance of fiscal knowledge, management and responsibility, and can now utilize the information gained by applying it to their personal experiences.

► TRIO STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES EMERGING LEADERS

Student Support Services students are present and visible on campus. For more than six years, students have emerged by becoming significant student leaders among their peers. We encourage students to get involved, address the changes they would like to see and look for ways to make a difference on and off campus. More importantly, we want them to enjoy their college experience, reach their maximum potential and graduate as proud alumni of Southern University at New Orleans.

Homecoming Week was a memorable and exciting week for our SSS students, alumni, family, friends and sister universities. SUNO school spirit increased tremendously during homecoming, and everyone came together to celebrate Miss SUNO and her royal court.

For more than, five consecutive years, Miss SUNO has been a member of SSS. There currently are more than 10 students serving in numerous leadership roles on campus. Nykia McCray, Miss Southern University at New Orleans; Warren Thompson, SGA President; Ma'Kayla Nelson, Miss Senior; Taylor Williams, Miss Junior; Brittany Jefferson, Miss Sophomore; Nathan Albert, SGA Vice President; Valencia Knox, Senior Class President; Patrick Shaw, Junior Class President; Brian Bibbons, Sophomore Class President; Nathaniel Albert, SGA Events Coordinator; and Helena Francis, Editor of The Observer.

Student Support Services Continued

We truly believe students' campus life involvement has started them on their way to developing leadership skills needed to be successful in their professional careers.

► STUDENTS SHARE FINDINGS ON COLLEGE LIVING AND GOOD ACADEMIC STANDING

On Nov. 7, the TRiO Student Support Services Program sponsored its annual discussion panel where various students, faculty and staff were invited to share best practices and concerns related to college living, good academic standing, retention and graduation. This fall's discussion panel was no different. Three of Dr. Coleman's Psychology practicum students, Dominique Kassim, Rashawn Cooper and Chastity Thomas (left to right in photo) presented topics: dress code, healthy eating and its correlation to academic standing and retention.



The practicum students shared a power point presentation, which covered information pertaining to proper college attire as it relates to their major, respect towards their professors and peers, and the importance of first impressions. Attire was identified as a form of communication, which ties into our Quality Enhancement Project (QEP) communications topic. The presentation provided pictures of various appropriate college dress and suggestions on how to purchase clothing on a budget.

The second topic made a correlation between healthy eating and good academic standing. The students shared various foods that are known to be nutritious to our bodies, such as green leafy vegetables, beans, nuts, dairy, and fiber, and how students should encourage healthy eating habits on campus. The outcome of their research revealed that a combination of eating healthy meals, exercising, time management and study skills will lead to good academic performance. After their presentation, various SSS students shared their experiences and opinions related to the two topics.

► WORKSHOPS/SEMINARS

Workshops were conducted to assist students with mastering all the skills needed to matriculate at Southern University at New Orleans. Workshop sessions included such topics as time management, test-taking and test anxiety, notetaking, learning styles, goals and motivation, MLA and APA writing, as well as tutoring in all subject areas. Workshop topics vary from fall to spring sessions which are made available upon request and by appointment. There also are individual sessions for students based on need.

► THANKSGIVING BASKET BLESSINGS

This semester four students were blessed with Thanksgiving baskets from the TRIO Upward Bound Program. Two of the students live in SUNO housing and the other two students are single parents with families. The basket recipients shared their gratitude. This was a blessing to each one of them during a time when it was greatly needed.

► SSS VISITS THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN MUSEUM

The students and staff in Student Support Services were given the opportunity to visit the African-American Museum, owned by the McKennas of New Orleans. This field trip allowed our students to enhance their knowledge on the history of slavery in our city and how it has played a major role in how we live today.



Student Support Services Continued

They saw artifacts and paintings of different artist's interpretation of black history. The gallery featured famous black families in New Orleans and their contribution to the city's culture. Various styles of dress and why our people were treated the way they were was shared by the tour guide. As an extension of this visit and the knowledge that the students attained, SSS will visit the Whitney Plantation and Evergreen Plantation in Spring 2019.

► TRIO STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES (SSS) – GUESTS SPEAKERS

The main goal of Student Support Services College Survival Skills course is to instruct students in areas that will prepare them for academic challenges, courses, campus life and careers. Various motivational speaking engagements were scheduled throughout the academic semester to cover specific topics.

On Sept. 26, Ms. Frederick invited Mr. Michael Alvarez to speak to students enrolled in the College Survival Skills course. Mr. Alvarez, a recently retired Workforce Development Initiative Manager for Shell Oil Company and SUNO graduate was a great resource for the students.



Michael Alvarez talks to students.

Mr. Alvarez shared his experiences as a student at SUNO; the path to climbing the corporate ladder; the importance of setting goals; being prepared for opportunities; and much needed career tips. He motivated and inspired the students by encouraging them to follow their dreams; be likeable and connect with people to be successful; find mentors; know and learn how to compete; always ask questions; and go above and beyond to build credibility. Mr. Alvarez challenged the students to be above average in order to be different and better than the next person.

Mr. Logan Perkins, newly hired SSS academic coach/instructor addressed “Keys to Surviving College” Oct. 31. Mr. Perkins shared his personal college life experiences. The six “Keys to Surviving College” he shared were:

Key 1 – THINK POSITIVELY & Believe in yourself!

Key 2 – HAVE CLEAR END GOALS & TAKE ADVANTAGE OF ALL RESOURCES

Key 3 – BUILD beneficial relationships!

Key 4 – MANAGE YOUR TIME, DEVELOP PROPER STUDY SKILLS & TAKE RESPONSIBILITY

Key 5 – DO NOT WASTE YOUR SUMMERS in college (Summer, Summer, Summer Time)

Key 6 – AVOID the obvious Pitfalls

Mr. Perkins “Keys to Surviving College” definitely helped the students to define their educational and career goals, develop a plan to accomplish their academic and career goals, and effectively resolve both personal and academic problems.

The Fall 2018 course was taught by Cheryl Legohn-Tubbs, academic coach/instructor.

► STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES TRIO PROGRAM SHARES 2016 – 2017 STATS

The Student Support Services Program is a federally funded U.S. Department of Education TRiO program designed to increase academic performance, retention, and graduation rates of eligible students. The students are selected for the program based on certain federal guidelines regarding income, parents' educational background, and the students' need for academic support. Student Support Services' standard objectives are persistence, good academic standing, Bachelor's Degrees attained and funded number of participants to serve.

Student Support Services Continued

SUNO's Student Support Services 2016 - 2017 Standard Objectives Results

2016 – 2017 Summary Results for the Standard Objectives				
Criteria	Maximum Score Allowed	Approved Rate	Actual Attained Rate	Standard Objectives Scores
Persistence	4	86%	97%	4
Good Academic Standing (2.0 – 4.0 Cum GPA)	4	80%	95%	4
Bachelor's Degree attained	4	20%	40%	4
Funded Number	3	Number of Participants Funded to Serve (300)	Number of Participants Served (300)	3
Total Scores	15			15

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► ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Mrs. Kristin Rhodes-Sceau (MSW, Southern University at New Orleans; LMSW) began her multifaceted 22-year career with the New Orleans Police Department (NOPD). She currently works for NOPD as a social worker in the Victim Witness Unit. Her career as a mental health professional started in 2012 working with children and families who struggle with mental illness. She also provides placement supervision to social work students seeking their undergraduate and graduate level degrees from Southern University at New Orleans.

Ms. Rhodes-Sceau received her Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from SUNO in 2005. She received a Master's in Social Work in 2012. In addition to being a licensed social worker, she is a certified youth PTSD Specialist and a certified Louisiana Department of Education Qualified School Social Worker. She also is a credentialed Advocate.

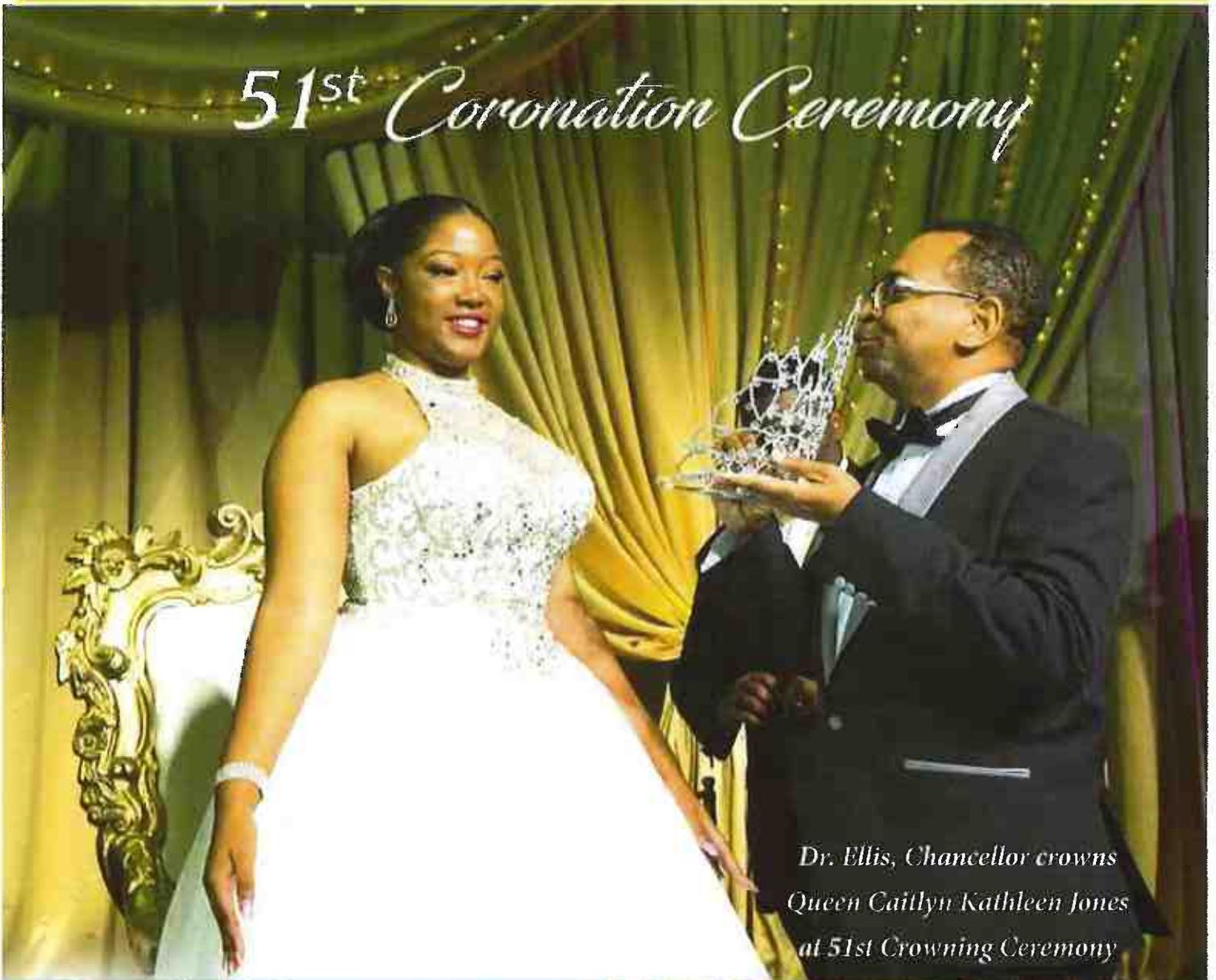


Her Southern spirit is truly genetic. Her father, Herman Rhodes Jr., is a Southern University baseball Hall of Famer, and her son Andrew Sceau III currently is a freshmen at Southern University in Baton Rouge, studying Criminal Justice and playing sports.

Kristin is a community leader who volunteers with CASA, the Order of Eastern Star PHA Inc., and the City's Civic Leadership Academy. She believes in connection, genuineness and caring in order to empower change.

"My role as an advocate and mental health professional is to provide a safe, non-judgmental and compassionate therapeutic environment to support my clients' journey with healing, rebuilding and restoring their inner strengths to cope with life's challenges."

51st Coronation Ceremony



Dr. Ellis, Chancellor crowns Queen Caitlyn Kathleen Jones at 51st Crowning Ceremony

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51ST CORONATION: "THE RISE OF A NEW ROYAL LEGACY" BRINGS CROWNING OF NEW QUEEN



On November 1, 2018, the 51st crowning ceremony of Ms. Southern University Shreveport paved the way for "The Rise of a New Royal Legacy". New Queen Caitlyn Kathleen Jones was crowned Miss SUSLA as members of her Royal Court, guest courts from SUBR and SUNO, as well as royalty from local krewes and adoring family and friends hailed the new Queen. Dr. Ellis provided the ceremonial "first dance" followed by a dance from the Queen's Uncle. Queen Caitlyn was showered with gifts from Administrators and friends that was "fit for a Queen"

Queen Caitlyn Kathleen Jones
Miss SUSLA 2018-2019



(L to R) : Mr. D'Arius Roland and Alexis Claggett- Miss Freshman, Queen Caitlyn Kathleen Jones, Adrian Edwards - SGA Chief of Staff, Shancicia Moore - Miss Sophomore and Mr. Wendell Holmes



Queen Caitlyn and her Royal Court with SUSLA sweethearts and escorts.

SUSLA CELEBRATES INTERNATIONAL STUDENT WEEK

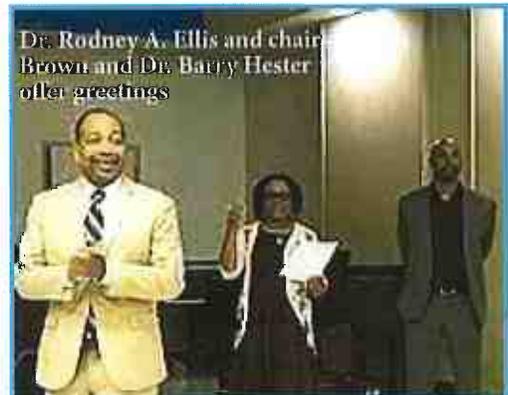
The SUSLA campus honored International Education Week November 14th with a special potluck celebration hosted and sponsored by SUSLA Baptist Collegiate Ministry. The celebration featured music, a dance competition, fashion show, and delicious foods from a variety of countries. Organizers of the event were excited to offer our international students a platform to share a piece of their culture with the rest of the campus.

“SUSLA’s international student population is on the rise, said Dr. Melva Williams, Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs. “Events like this one are a great way to celebrate our diversity and make students from around the world feel welcome on our campus.”



THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON: “AN INTERNATIONAL HOLIDAY”

On November 19, faculty members Dr. Barry Hester and JoAnn Warren chaired the 2018 Thanksgiving Luncheon with the theme, *“An International Holiday”*. Employees brought dishes to share that were traditional (and non-traditional) favorites from their own family Thanksgiving gatherings. The event kicked off the holiday season with great food and fellowship.



MCCLELLON RECEIVES GREATER SHREVEPORT CHAMBER AWARD

For more than 30 years, the Greater Shreveport Chamber of Commerce has been identifying and preparing future leaders through its Greater Shreveport Leadership Program (GSLP). The vision of the program is to provide an inclusive region with a strong economy stimulated by progressive leadership; the mission is to foster a commitment to a life of community service through leadership. GSLP goals are to Identify, motivate and develop community leaders; Expand the leadership abilities of participants through educational programs, exposure to existing leadership and civic organizations, and in-depth discussions of relevant issues; Improve communication among leaders; and Provide a channel for participants to gain access to leadership opportunities and become involved in the development of solutions for community challenges.



Leslie R. McClellon
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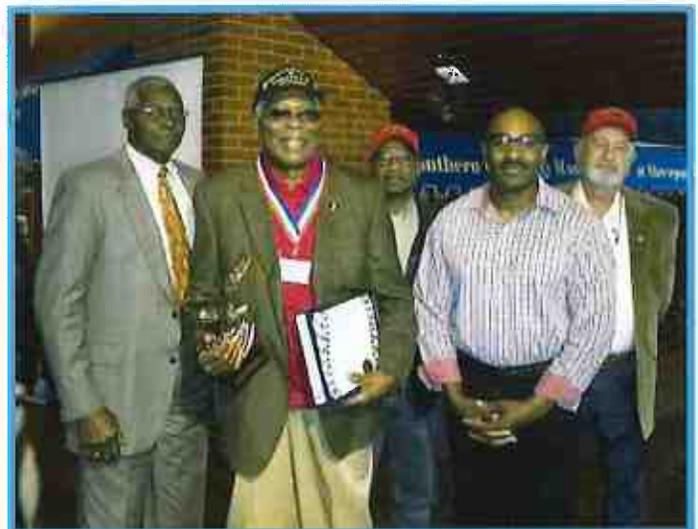


GSLP held its 41st class graduation ceremony, Tuesday, November 13th, 2018 at The Shreveport Club. Included in the 41st GSLP class is SUSLA executive team leader, Ms. Leslie R. McClellon. Ms. McClellon was selected by the Chamber and participated in the program throughout the year. During the year, participants learned more about Shreveport's Community History, Education, Economic Development & Transportation, Healthcare & Welfare, Legislative Affairs, Local Government & Community Development, and Media/Communications.

Attendees from SUSLA at the event were (L to R): Dr. Regina Robinson, Mrs. Brandy Jacobsen and Ms. Linzola Winzer. Ms. McClellon stated, "GSLP was valuable for me to learn more about the Shreveport/Bossier area as well as our state. I am honored to have participated in this program and look forward to serving our great community." Ms. McClellon will serve as a Junior Coordinator for the 2019 GSLP class.

VETERANS UPWARD HONORS THOSE WHO SERVED

On Monday, November 12, 2018, SUSLA'S Upward Bound Program honored Veterans for their dedication and service. Organized by program director Urina Holt and staff at SUSLA's Metro Center, the event was widely attended by veterans, their family members, community members and SUSLA employees. Also in attendance were U.S. War Veterans (pictured in photo left to right: Willie G. Wynn, Vietnam War; Cleauthor Sanders, WII; Curtis Adger, Vietnam War; Robert Moore, Iraq War; Jim Phillips, Vietnam War)



SUSLA ALUMNI SPECIAL DINNER HONORS ELDER, PINS NEW LIFETIME MEMBERS



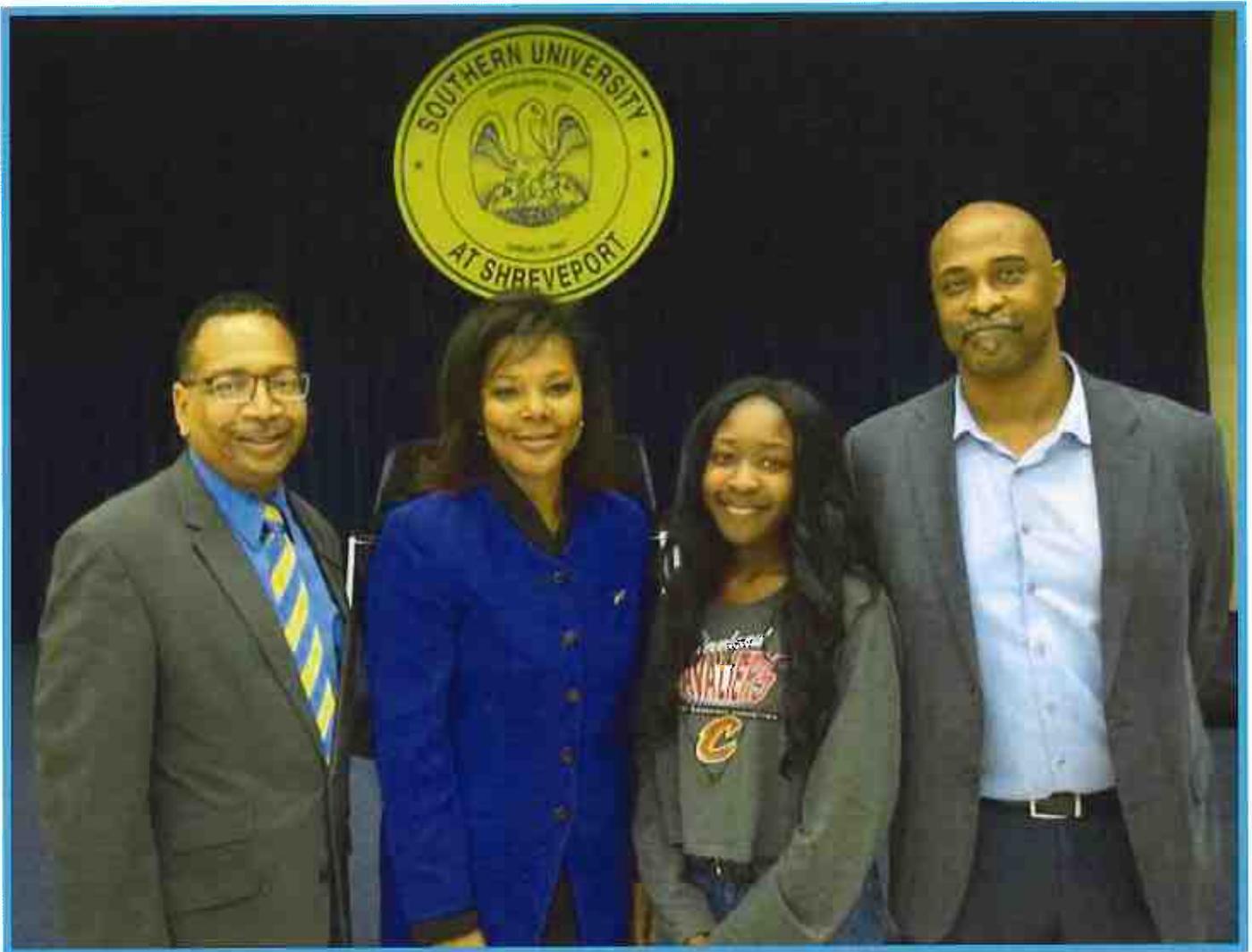
When SUSLA Alumni Lifetime Member Charles Anderson, III (SUSBO, SU A&M grad.) considered how he wanted to honor his father, Charles Anderson, Jr. for a lifetime of love, guidance and support, he could only think of one thing – An honorary lifetime membership in the newly formed SUSLA Alumni Association. In true Jaguar style, SUSLA Alumni Association President Tony Williams rallied the troops to help his fellow alum to roll out the “Gold” carpet the elder Anderson. In a packed house of family, friends President Williams, joined by Dr. Ellis, pinned the elder Charles Anderson, III presenting him and other new Lifetime members with exclusive Jaguar Gold jackets and Lifetime Pins.



WILLIAMS CENTER FOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT STUDENTS GIVE BACK



While students in the Williams Center are taught to excel in the classroom to achieve academic excellence, they are also expected to excel in the community through caring and service to others. Program Director Ted Scott recently led the students – members of the fall 2018 cohort – during a day of caring to assist an elderly resident with general clean up and removal of debris from around her property which had piled up over time.



(Pictured L-R: Dr. Rodney Ellis, Chancellor; Stephanie Rogers Chief Advancement Officer; Kenyatta Washington, Business Student/Intern; Dr. Barry Hester, Program Chair)

GRIGGS ENTERPRISE / MCDONALDS BUSINESS LEADERSHIP INTERNS PREPARE TO LEAD

Kenyatta Washington, a Business major with a concentration in Accounting, is learning real work skills in a real world environment at the corporate headquarters of Griggs Enterprise, Inc. The program trains business students and those who possess leadership skills on the business side of restaurant management and hospitality. SUSLA has two Business students employed in the program with four additional students slated to begin work in restaurants throughout the city.

Owned by Mr. Roy Griggs, Griggs Enterprise, Inc. is the largest franchise operating McDonald's restaurants in Northwest Louisiana.



**For more information on how to apply for the
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contact:**

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SUSLA CONNECT ATTENDS NATIONAL CAREER PATHWAYS CONFERENCE

The National Career Pathways Network (NCPN) Conference was held October 9 - 12, 2018 in Louisville, KY. The theme, "Career Pathways: Creating Connections, Building Futures" was echoed throughout the conference and served as the focal point for five Jaguars who also received certification in "Career Pathways Leadership". There were four major areas covered at the conference. They ranged from Career Counseling/Advising and Development to Designing and Delivering Programs that would offer adults a clear "pathway" to a career based on their interests, values and abilities. For the development of career pathways to be a success, institutions would develop partnerships with community leaders and potential employers. The entire process is designed to provide Louisiana with more well-trained employees who are vital to building the economy for Shreveport, surrounding cities and states.



Shown in the photo (from left to right are: Everett Spells with Aerospace Technology, Claudia Maness - NCPN Associate Director, Ann Westrich - Career Prep and Career Transition Education Director with the Wisconsin Technical College System, Vanessa Leggett with the SU College Connect Program, Sheila Swift with Radiology Technology, LaTanya Brittentine with Health Information Technology/Medical Coding I, and Aylwin Holmon with the Business Studies - Accounting Department.

THE SU COLLEGE CONNECT PROGRAM PARTNERS WITH SUBR TO OFFER SECOND SU CONNECT TRANSFER FAIR

On Tuesday – November 13th, over 60 students in the Connect Program sat eagerly to hear what MUST be done to meet the criteria for transfer. Representatives from the offices of Admissions, Financial Aid, and Advising also greeted attendees and shared vital information to help ensure a seamless transfer experience into SUBR and other four-year institutions. SUBR's new Director of First and Second Year Experience Zackeus D. Johnson, helped welcome students who "might" transfer in the spring.

Program Director, Vanessa Leggett says, *"This is an exciting time for Connect, because the numbers of those who might transfer are at an all-time high"*.

THE HUMAN SERVICES DEGREE PROGRAM HOST 2018 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SYMPOSIUM

The students, program directors, and faculty from the Human Services Degree Program recently held a rally to lift their voices against domestic violence.



The event generated a packed room of attendees who came together in solidarity to increase awareness surrounding domestic abuse, including date violence.



Experts joined the roundtable discussion with enthusiasm to enlighten the students with their expertise in Domestic Violence Advocacy. The agencies in participation were: Project Celebration, Inc., Life Changing Solutions, Inc., Social Work Professionals, LLC, and SUSLA Law Enforcement. Let's applaud our Human Services Students here at SUSLA for a **JOB WELL DONE!**

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JAGUAR of the YEAR

**Dr. Rodney A. Ellis, Chancellor
is pleased to announce Lieut. Jeff Ivey
As “Jaguar of the Year!”**

Reliable, dependable, friendly, and loves SUSLA!

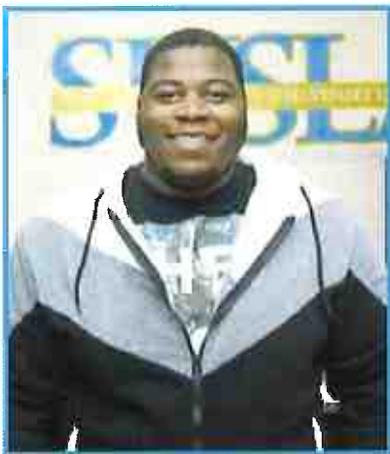
These are the words many employees and visitors have used to describe Lt. Ivey. Ivey has worked at SUSLA for the past 15 years. He began as a police officer 2 and has been a lieutenant for the past 7 years. Prior to SUSLA, Ivey worked in the Detective Division of the Caddo Sheriff’s Office for 12 years. He is married, has four children and, seven grandchildren. As a testament to his commitment as a father and grandfather, Mr. Ivey spends time with all of his grandchildren every Saturday for several hours. He is a deacon at Mt. Bethel, #1 in Keithville, LA.



Aside from his commitment to family and church, Lt. Ivey is committed to SUSLA. Dr. Joseph Silver (SACSCOC Consultant) stated how hospitable Lt. Ivey was during his visit and that he was a “perfect example of how an employee.” This statement has been echoed by many visitors on campus as well as faculty and staff. Mr. Larry Ferdinand expressed his appreciation for Lt. Ivey and his assistance with traffic and visitors on campus during the summer camps this year. *“I have observed and benefitted from the hard work of Lt. Ivey, his commitment to service for the campus, and his desire for SUSLA to be at its best”*, Leslie McClellon. ***Congratulations Lt. Ivey!***

Student of the Month

Stephen Boxley, a new transfer student from Grambling State University, came to Southern University at Shreveport La (SUSLA) to pursue an Associate Degree in General Studies with a concentration in Education, which he plans to receive in December 2018. In spring 2019, Mr. Boxley plans to continue his studies at SUSLA toward an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Radiologic Technology.



Mr. Boxley has worked as a Peer Coach in the Center for Student Success since his enrollment in fall 2018. He says that what he enjoys most about his job is the “opportunity to share his collegiate experiences with incoming freshmen”, who he feels are very receptive to his ability to communicate on a level that they understand and appreciate.

Mr. Boxley is very dedicated worker and the Center staff expects great things from him during the ensuing semesters. He has recently been awarded the designation of ***“Jaguar Peer Coach All Stars”*** by the Center for Student Success for his contributions to the incoming freshmen.

Fall to Spring

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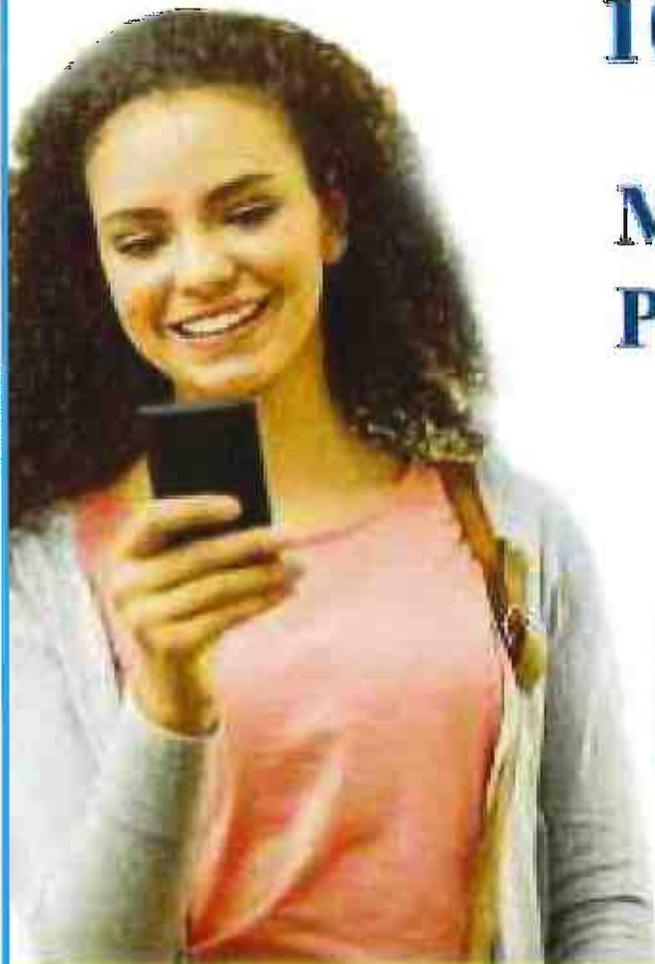
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