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FRANK TAYLOR, JR. SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATION

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CHANCELLOR GANTT'S PRIORITIES

2023 - 2024

1

Increasing Enrollment:

A vibrant and diverse student body is the heart of any successful institution.

2

Adopting a Student-Centric Approach:

By putting students' needs, aspirations, and success first, we can provide them with a holistic and impactful educational journey.

3

Attract Qualified Educators & Professionals and Retain Talented Employees:

A strong academic community begins with outstanding educators and professionals.

4

Promoting a Culture of Institutional Effectiveness:

By fostering a culture of continuous improvement, we can enhance our processes and ensure that we are delivering on our promise of excellence.

5

Enhancing Customer Service and Stewardship of Place:

Providing exceptional service to our students, faculty, staff, and stakeholders is paramount as well as an understanding that what is good for the community is good for SUSLA.

6

Cultivating Relationships Between Faculty and Staff:

Collaboration and communication between our faculty and staff are essential for a cohesive and productive academic environment.

7

Investing in Infrastructure and Facilities:

Providing state-of-the-art facilities is crucial to creating an optimal learning environment.

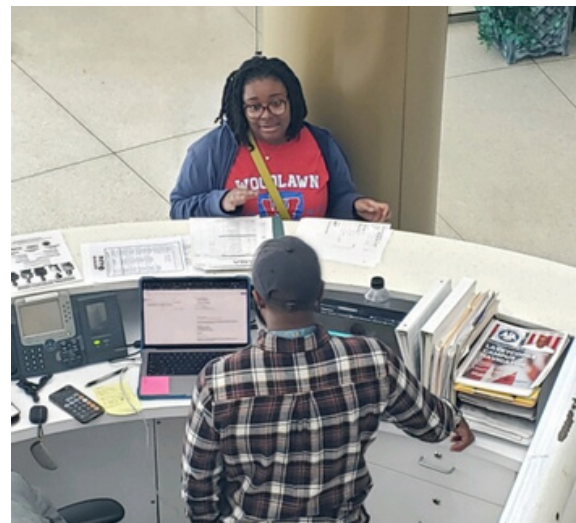
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Increasing Enrollment

SPRING 2024 REGISTRATION

The Student Affairs and Enrollment Management team and the Academic Affairs team are actively working together on several enrollment initiatives including “Super Saturday” registration, virtual registration and extended hours registration.

These initiatives are being implemented to reach as many people as possible. The team is striving to ensure that anyone who has an interest in attending SUSLA is able to find a time that fits into their schedule.



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Increasing Enrollment

Justice Jacque had a resource fair at Airport Park in Shreveport to feature her “Jewels”. Her Jewels are resources available to help people in underserved communities.

Southern University at Shreveport was one of the many resources there. SUSLA recruiter, Darrin Turner, was available to answer questions regarding starting school or continuing education.



Adopting a Student-Centric Approach

SUSLA STEM STUDENT RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP

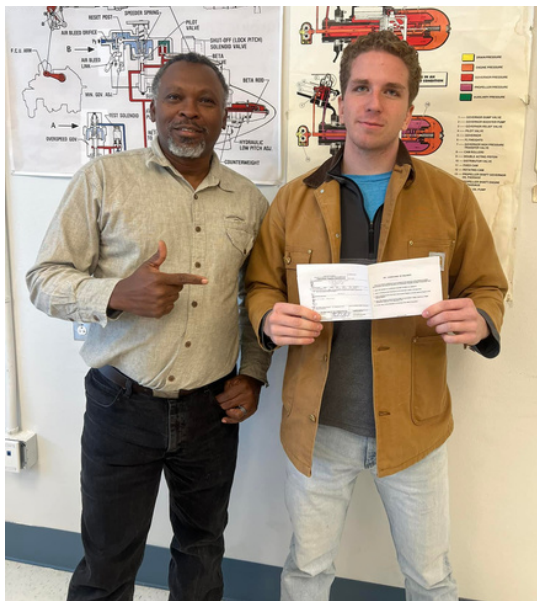
On January 26th, Christopher Davis, SUSLA student, was awarded the Frank Taylor, Jr. Scholarship. Ms. Cheryl Taylor was on hand to present the annual scholarship award named in honor of her late son and SUSLA graduate, Frank Taylor, Jr. Mr. Davis, Computer Information Systems (CIS) major, will graduate May 2024.

Those in attendance were Dr. Aubra J. Gantt, Chancellor; Frank Williams, Director of the Southern University Shreveport Foundation; Judge John Moseley, 1st Judicial District in Caddo Parish; Vanessa White, Interim Dean Business, Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics for SUSLA; Dr. Lonnie McCray, Interim VC of Academic Affairs for SUSLA; as well as family and friends of the Frank Taylor Jr. family and friends of Mr. Christopher Davis.

The late Frank Taylor, Jr. enrolled at Southern University at Shreveport in the summer of 2002. During his two year matriculation there, he served as the Freshman Class President, Student Government Association President and was a member of the Southern University Board of Supervisors - making his voice heard across all of the campuses.



Aerospace Technology Program Continues to Soar!



Isaiah Cates pictured with Everett Spells, Instructor, Aerospace Technology

In conjunction with other graduates throughout 2023, two of our most recent standout graduates, Mr. Isaiah Cates and Mr. Adrian Clark are both employed within the Aerospace industry.

Mr. Cates interned at Tubreaux Aviation located at the Shreveport Downtown Airport while completing his studies at Aerospace. His diligence paid off as he has garnered part ownership in a new local general aviation company called Nuew Aviation. Mr. Cates also accomplished a huge milestone by earning his private pilot's license shortly after completing the program.

Mr. Clark interned at Advance Aero Services while still working on his studies and has accepted a position with one of our out of state partners, PSA Airlines. Mr. Clark will be moving to Greenville, SC as a newly hired aviation maintenance technician. PSA Airlines' partnership with SUSLA's Aerospace program includes the Preferred Maintenance Student Pathway which provides mentorship and guidance for students pursuing careers in aviation maintenance.

Kudos to SUSLA's entire Aerospace Technology team.



Adrian Clark pictured with Everett Spells, Instructor and Timothy Banks, Director of Aerospace Technology Center



Buddy Anderson, Instructor; Timothy Banks, Director; Timothy Kaylor, Instructor; Glenda Allums, Program Office Coordinator, Everett Spells, Instructor

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3

*Attract Qualified Educators & Professionals
and Retain Talented Employees:*

Welcome!

DECEMBER & JANUARY NEW HIRES

Please Welcome

Linda Robinson

Educational Advocate

TRIO Upward Bound Sabine



Please Welcome

Cameshia Beaner

Custodian 2

Facilities



Please Welcome

Zummie Law III

Graphic Services and Multi-Media Coordinator

Marketing and University Relations



Please Welcome

LaQuista Jones

Enrollment Specialist (Loan/FWS Coordinator)

Financial Aid

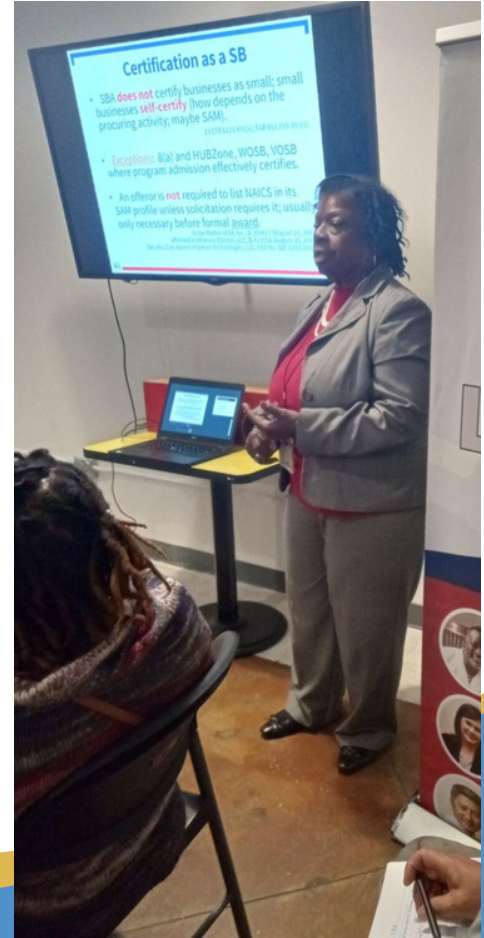


SUSLA's Small Business Development Center Hosts Two Days of Workshops for Business Owners

The SUSLA Small Business Development Center (SBDC) hosted a two-day workshop on January 9th and 10th. This event was free and open to the public and included facilitators from the SBA Louisiana District Office. Over 20 business owners in Northwest Louisiana came out to participate.

Those in attendance on Tuesday participated in a discussion on “Building Wealth Through Government Contracting,” facilitated by Jo Ann Lawrence, Deputy District Director. They received an overview of how local, state, and Federal Government buys and identifies contracts, and mining for data.

Wednesday’s “Hands-On Workshop,” was facilitated by Marjorae Ball, SBA Economic Development Specialist. The participants were given one-on-one assistance in SAM registration. “We had two (2) extraordinary and successful sessions,” stated Lawrence. “I was very excited to see a room of participants engaged in the discussion and hands-on training that was provided over the two day period, says Shannon Levingston, Training Coordinator for the SUSLA SBDC.



Enhancing Customer Service and Stewardship of Place

North Louisiana Civil Rights Coalition Presents Inaugural “Bridge Builders Breakfast” Honoring Community Leaders

The purpose of this landmark event was to recognize individuals and organizations who embody the spirit of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., making a difference across racial, social, economic, and geographic barriers for the betterment of our beloved community. The selected individuals serve as great examples of the power and possibility of what happens when we put aside our differences and join together for the common good.

The 2024 Inaugural Honorees were - Rev. H. Calvin Austin, III, Candice Battiste, Willie Bradford, Dr. Chris Ciocchetti, State Rep. Steven Jackson, Carolyn Jones Sullivan, Bonnie Moore, and Nell Shehee. The Drum Major for Justice Award was presented posthumously to Dr. C.O. Simpkins and Rev. Dr. Harry Blake. Mrs. Monica Mickle was the keynote speaker for the event.



Dr. Sharon Herron-Williams of Southern University at Shreveport served as the Mistress of Ceremony and the Southern University Shreveport Foundation (SUSF) was the Dream Keeper sponsor for this inaugural event.

Mr. Frank Williams, SUSF Executive Director and Dr. Aubra Gantt, Chancellor of Southern University at Shreveport were in attendance.



Cultivating Relationships Between Faculty and Staff

2024 SPRING FACULTY & STAFF INSTITUTE

Reimagine SUSLA: Transformation Begins With You



Chancellor Gantt led an amazing ensemble of presenters at the Spring '24 Faculty and Staff Institute (FSI). The convening covered topics such as teamwork, mental health, and wellness.

Ms. Shannon Levingston, Training Coordinator for Small Business Development, served as the Institute's Mistress of Ceremony.

The motivational moment was provided by Dr. Sharon Green.

A very important SACSCOC update was provided by Dr. Devonye Brown, SACSCOC Liasion.



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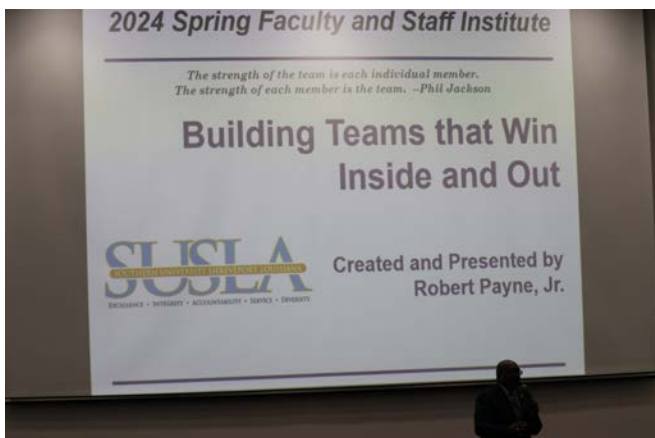
Greetings were brought by Mr. Jyron Young, SGA President/Southern University Board Member, Mr. Jeff Ivey, Staff Senate President/Captain University Campus Police, and Mr. Fred Moss, Faculty Senate President/Assistant Professor of Journalism.



Building Teams That Win Inside and Out

Guest speaker, Robert "Bob" Payne, Jr made a very informative and motivational presentation to the faculty and staff of Southern University at Shreveport on "Building Teams that Win Inside & Out."

*"The strength of the team is each member. The strength of each member is the team."
- Phil Jackson*



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2024 SPRING FACULTY & STAFF INSTITUTE Examining Mental Health In the Workplace

Dr. Angelica Hart lead a wellness exercise during the Spring 2024 FSI. Dr. Aubra J. Gantt, Chancellor of Southern University at Shreveport has made mental health and wellness a priority for the university since her arrival in June of last year.



Line Dancing for Wellness

Moving your body affects your overall wellness. We had some experienced line dancers teach our faculty and staff the 2024 version of the “Wobble” during the Spring ‘24 Faculty and Staff Institute.



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2024 SPRING FACULTY & STAFF INSTITUTE

Chancellor Welcomes New Employees

During the Spring Faculty-Staff Institute, new employees of Southern University at Shreveport received a warm welcome from SUSLA Chancellor Dr. Aubra J. Gantt. These employees were gifted a fleece throw blanket that proved to be useful over a frosty weekend.



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