

# **SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**(Following the Student Affairs Committee)**

Friday, April 29, 2011

Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, J.S. Clark Administration Building  
Southern University and A & M College  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

## AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Invocation
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of the Agenda
4. Public Comments
5. Action Items
  - A. Minutes of the March 28, 2011 regular meeting of the SU Board of Supervisors
  - B. Committee Reports and Recommendations (April 29, 2011 Meetings)
    - 1.) Academic Affairs Committee
    - 2.) Athletics Committee (and April 19, 2011 Meeting)
    - 3.) Facilities and Property Committee
    - 4.) Finance and Audit Committee
    - 5.) Legislative Committee
    - 6.) Student Affairs Committee
  - C. House Concurrent Resolution No. 15 (2011 1<sup>st</sup> Extraordinary Session of the Louisiana Legislature) urging and requesting the SU Board of Supervisors to name the Administration Building at Southern University at New Orleans in honor of former Chancellor, Dr. Emmett W. Bashful
  - D. Resolutions
  - E. Recommendation from the System President regarding the appointment of SUBR Chancellor
  - F. Appointment of Chancellor for Southern University – Baton Rouge
6. Informational Reports
  - A. Review and Refresher of Ethics Disclosure for Board Members (Due May 15)
  - B. Project Positive Direction
  - C. Campus Reports
7. Other Business
8. Adjournment

## **Southern University Board of Supervisors**

Monday, March 28, 2011

2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, J.S. Clark Administration Building

Southern University and A&M College

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

### **Minutes**

The meeting of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by the Vice Chairman, Atty. Murphy F. Bell, Jr. The invocation was given by Mr. Myron K. Lawson.

#### **Present**

Atty. Murphy F. Bell, Vice Chair

Mr. Patrick W. Bell

Atty. Walter C. Dumas

Atty. Warren A. Forstall

Atty. Randale L. Gaines

Mr. Walter Guidry

Atty. Patrick O. Jefferson

Mr. Myron K. Lawson

Atty. Patrick D. Magee

Mrs. Lea P. Montgomery

Mr. Murphy Nash, Jr.

Mr. Randale Scott

Mr. Achilles Williams

#### **Absent**

Mr. Darren G. Mire, Chairman

Mr. Richard J. Caiton

Atty. Tony M. Clayton

#### **University Personnel**

System President Ronald Mason, Jr.

Evola Bates, Chief of Staff

System Vice Presidents Kevin Appleton and Tony Moore

Chancellors Ray Belton (SUSLA), Victor Ukpolo (SUNO), and Leodrey Williams (SUSLA),

Chancellor Freddie Pitcher (SULC); Vice Chancellor Mwalimu Shujaa representing Chancellor Kofi Lomotey (SUBR)

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#### **Board Counsel**

Attys. Winston DeCuir, Jr. and Tracie Woods

### **AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

On motion of Atty. Gaines, seconded by Mr. Bell, the agenda was adopted, as printed.

Motion carried unanimously.

### **AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

### **AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEMS**

#### A. Minutes of the February 25, 2011, regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors

On motion of Mr. Bell, seconded by Atty. Forstall,

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the minutes of the February 25, 2011 regular meeting of the Board be and they are hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### B. Committee Reports and Recommendations

On motion of Atty. Forstall, seconded by Atty. Jefferson, the following Committee reports and recommendations were approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

##### 1.) Academic Affairs Committee

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee, that the Endowed Professorship appointments listed below be and they are hereby approved.

- Dr. Victor Mbarika – The Houston Alumnae Endowed Professorship in Business Administration, SUBR

- Dr. Stephen J. Jaros – The E.C. Harrison Endowed Professorship in Business, SUBR
- Dr. Mysore Ramaswamy – The Peter Moncrieff Endowed Professorship in Business, SUBR
- Dr. Revathi I. Hines – The Alphonse Jackson/Casino Rouge Endowed Professorship.

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**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee, that approval be and it is hereby given to the Administration to establish the Endowed Professorships listed below:

- The Caddo Parish Commission Endowed Professorship in Business, SUSLA
- The Dow Chemical Company Endowed Professorship in Engineering, SU System Foundation
- The Entergy Corporation Endowed Professorship in Engineering, SU System Foundation
- The Charles J. Hatfield Endowed Professorship, SU Law Center
- The Lincoln J. Harrison, Coca Cola Foundation Endowed Professorship in Accounting, SU System Foundation
- The Coca Cola Foundation Endowed Professorship in International Business, SU System Foundation

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**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee, that approval be and it is hereby given to the Administration to establish the Dow Chemical Company First Generation Endowed Scholarships for Undergraduates in the Southern University System Foundation be and it is hereby approved.

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the Recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee that following persons recommended for Faculty Tenure and Promotion on the Southern University at New Orleans Campus be and they are hereby approved.

Tenure

Dr. Cynthia Singleton, Assistant Professor, Natural Sciences

Dr. Simeon Okpechi, Associate Professor, Business Entrepreneurship

Promotion

Dr. Cynthia Singleton, Assistant Professor, Natural Sciences

Dr. Cynthia Ramirez, Associate to Full Professor, Arts and Humanities

Dr. Xionga Gao, Associate to Full Professor, Arts and Humanities

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**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee, that the revised Academic Calendar reflecting first and last days of classes for Fall 2011, Spring 2012, Summer 2012, and Fall 2012 at Southern University – Baton Rouge to accommodate SUBR students who cross register at LSU –Baton Rouge be and they are hereby approved.

2.) Facilities and Property Committee

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee, that the two Small Capital Projects on the Southern University – Baton Rouge Campus indicated below be and they are hereby approved.

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|---------------------------------------|-----------|
| -Amphitheater Design and Construction | \$400,000 |
| -Hayden Hall Renovations              | \$450,000 |

3.) Finance and Audit Committee

**RESOLVED** by the the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Finance and Audit Committee, that BA-7 #3 to increase the spending authority for self-generated revenues realized by the SU Law Center as a result of increased tuition and enrollment in Fiscal year 2010-11; and, to decrease the

spending authority of the SU-Baton Rouge Campus, due to enrollment numbers being less than projected, be and it is hereby approved.

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**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Finance and Audit Committee, that the request from Southern University – Baton Rouge to **assess** laboratory fees in the Department of Mass Communications, effective Fall 2011, for undergraduate and graduate students, as follows be and it is hereby approved.

\$15.00 - per three-hour lab course for students using the computer lab only

\$25.00 - per three-hour lab course for students using the labs and camera equipment

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**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Finance and Audit Committee, that the SU Law Center's request for a non-resident tuition increase on the average of \$1,000 per year over six years, beginning Fall 2011, be and it is hereby approved.

Tuition will be increased over the six-year period to reach a maximum of \$6,600 per year or \$3,300 per semester, in order for the Law Center to meet its LA Grad Act Performance objectives.

Informational Item included in the Committee's report --  
-Annual Financial Statement Audit, SU System

#### 4.) Personnel Affairs and Policy Committee

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of The Personnel Affairs Committee, that the request from Professor Cynthia Picou for a family emergency leave of absence with pay, effective February 17, 2011 to May 31, 2011, be and it is hereby approved.

C. Resolutions

On motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Bell,

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that resolutions of condolences to the families listed below be and they are hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

- Dr. Emmett W. Bashful, founding Chancellor of Southern University at New Orleans
- Mrs. Balistine Tarver Hopkins, mother of former System President Leon Tarver and former State Senator Gregory Tarver
- Brother of Mr. Lonnie Wilkerson

**AGENDA ITEM 6: INFORMATIONAL REPORTS**

System and Campus Reports were provided by the President and Chancellors. Details are on tape.

**AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Dennis Brown, National President of the Southern University Alumni Association was recognized. Mr. Brown reported on the Alumni's eagerness to provide financial and moral support to combat current efforts to eliminate the Southern University campus in New Orleans.

The Board members were advised that the System Administration was working closely with the University's alumni on the "Support Our Southern" Campaign.

**AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Williams, the meeting was adjourned.

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Secretary, S.U. Board of Supervisors

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Chairman, S.U. Board of Supervisors

**ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

Monday, March 28, 2011

2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, J.S. Clark Administration Building  
Southern University and A & M College  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

**Minutes**

The meeting of the Academic Affairs Committee of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by the Chairman, Atty. Patrick O. Jefferson. The invocation was given by Atty. Patrick O. Jefferson.

**PRESENT**

Atty. Patrick O. Jefferson, Chairman  
Mr. Walter Guidry, Vice Chairman  
Mr. Randale Scott  
Mr. Achilles Williams

**ABSENT**

Atty. Tony M. Clayton  
Mrs. Lea P. Montgomery  
Mr. Darren G. Mire, Ex Officio

**UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING**

System President Ronald Mason, Jr.  
Evola Bates, Chief of Staff  
System Vice Presidents Kevin Appleton and Tony Moore  
Chancellors Ray Belton (SUSLA), Victor Ukpolo (SUNO), and Leodrey Williams (SUSLA)  
Chancellor Freddie Pitcher (SULC) Dr. Mwalimu Shujaa represented Chancellor Kofi Lomotey (SUBR)

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**BOARD COUNSEL**

Attys. Winston DeCuir, Jr., and Tracie Woods

**AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

On motion of Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Guidry, the agenda was adopted, as printed.

Motion carried unanimously.



#### **AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

#### **AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEMS**

##### **A. Endowed Professorship Appointments**

On motion of Mr. Guidry, seconded by Mr. Scott, the Committee recommends to the Board approval of the following Endowed Professorship Appointments on the Southern University – Baton Rouge Campus.

Motion carried unanimously.

- A. Dr. Victor Mbarika – The Houston Alumnae Endowed Professorship in Business Administration, SUBR
- B. Dr. Stephen J. Jaros; The E.C. Harrison Endowed Professorship in Business, SUBR
- C. Dr. Mysore Ramaswamy – The Peter Moncrieff Endowed Professorship in Business, SUBR
- D. Dr. Revathi I. Hines – The Alphonse Jackson/Casino Rouge Endowed Professorship

##### **B. Establishment of Endowed Professorships**

On motion of Mr. Guidry, seconded by Mr. Scott, the Committee recommends to the Board, the establishment of the following Endowed Professorships.

Motion carried unanimously.

- The Lincoln J. Harrison/Coca Cola Foundation, E.P. in Accounting, SU System Foundation
- Caddo Parish Commission Endowed Professorship in Business, SU-Shreveport
- Dow Chemical Company Endowed Professorship in Engineering, SU System Foundation
- Entergy Corporation Endowed Professorship in Engineering, SU System Foundation

- The Charles J. Hatfield Endowed Professorship, SU Law Center
- The Coca Cola Foundation Endowed Professorship in Business, SU System Foundation
- The Coca Cola Foundation Endowed Professorship in International Business, SU System Foundation

Each professorship is an endowed fund of \$60,000 to be matched by the State of Louisiana with funds from the Louisiana Education Quality Support Fund for Endowed Professorship, on a one to one and one half matching basis.

The Committee's commendations were extended to those individuals for their efforts in securing funding for the professorships.

#### C. Endowed Scholarship for Undergraduates, SUSF

On motion of Mr. Guidry, seconded by Mr. Scott, the Committee recommends to the Board approval of the Dow Chemical Company Endowed Undergraduate Scholarship Program for First-Generation College Students in the SU System Foundation.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### D. Tenure and Promotion Recommendations, SUNO

On motion of Mr. Guidry, seconded by Mr. Scott, the Committee recommends Board approval of the recommendations for Faculty Tenure and Promotion at Southern University at New Orleans.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### Tenure

- Dr. Cynthia Singleton, Assistant Professor, Natural Sciences
- Dr. Simeon Okpechi, Associate Professor, Business Entrepreneurship

#### Promotion

- Dr. Cynthia Singleton, Assistant to Associate Professor, Natural Sciences
- Dr. Cynthia Ramirez, Associate to Full Professor, Arts and Humanities
- Dr. Xionca Gao, Associate to Full Professor, Arts and Humanities

E. Proposed Academic Calendar (First and Last Class Days) Fall 2011

On motion of Mr. Guidry, seconded by Mr. Scott, the Committee recommends Board approval of the academic calendar reflecting the first and last days of classes for Fall 2011, Spring 2012, Summer 2012, and Fall 2012 at Southern University – Baton Rouge to accommodate SUBR students who cross register at LSU – Baton Rouge.

**AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS**

Dr. Ukpolo reported on SUNO's successful outcome in its SACS reaccreditation efforts.

**AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Mr. Guidry, seconded by Mr Scott, the meeting was adjourned.

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Secretary, S.U. Board of Supervisors

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Chairman, S.U. Board of Supervisors

## **Finance and Audit Committee**

Monday, March 28, 2011  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, J.S. Clark Administration Building  
Southern University A&M College  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

### **Minutes**

The meeting of the Finance and Audit Committee of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by the Chairman, Mr. Myron K. Lawson.

#### **Present**

Mr. Myron K. Lawson, Chair  
Atty. Warren A. Forstall, Vice Chair  
Atty. Patrick O. Jefferson  
Mr. Randale Scott

#### **Absent**

Atty. Walter C. Dumas  
Mr. Lea P. Montgomery  
Mr. Darren G. Mire, Ex Officio

#### **University Personnel**

System President Ronald Mason, Jr.  
Evola Bates, Chief of Staff  
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Chancellors Ray Belton (SUSLA), Victor Ukpolo (SUNO), and Leodrey Williams (SUSLA),  
Chancellor Freddie Pitcher (SULC); Vice Chancellor Mwalimu Shujaa representing Chancellor  
Kofi Lomotey (SUBR)

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#### **Board Counsel**

Attys. Winston DeCuir, Jr., and Tracie Woods

#### **AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

On motion of Atty. Forstall, seconded by Atty. Jefferson, the agenda was adopted, as printed.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEMS**

A. BA-7, Number 3, SULC and SUBR

On motion of Atty. Forstall, seconded by Atty. Jefferson, the Committee recommends Board approval of BA-7 #3 to increase the spending authority for self-generated revenues realized by the SU Law Center as a result of increased tuition and enrollment in Fiscal Year 2010-11; and, to decrease spending authority of the Southern University - Baton Rouge Campus due to enrollment numbers being less than projected.

Motion carried unanimously.

B. Laboratory Fee, SUBR Mass

On motion of Atty. Forstall, seconded by Atty. Jefferson, the Committee recommends Board approval to the Southern University – Baton Rouge Campus assess laboratory fees in the Department of Mass Communications, effective Fall 2011, as follows, for undergraduate and graduate students.

\$15.00 per three-hour lab course for students using the computer lab only

\$25.00 per three-hour lab course for students using the labs and camera equipment

Motion carried unanimously.

C. Non-Resident Tuition Fee Increase, SULC

On motion of Atty. Forstall, seconded by Atty. Jefferson, the Committee recommends Board approval of Non-Resident tuition increase on the average of \$1,000 per year over the next six years, beginning Fall 2011 at Southern University Law Center.

Motion carried unanimously.

Tuition will be increased to \$6,600 per year or \$3,300 per semester. The increase was required in order for the Law Center to meet its LA Grad Act Performance objectives.

**AGENDA ITEM 6: INFORMATIONAL ITEM**

A. Annual Financial Statement Audit, SU System

The Committee received a written summary of audit findings for Fiscal Year 2008-09 and 2009-10 which delineated material weaknesses and significant deficiencies in internal controls, by campus.

A report on the Federal Audit findings will be given to the Committee at its April meeting.

**AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Atty. Forstall, seconded by Mr. Scott, the meeting was adjourned.

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Secretary, S.U. Board of Supervisors

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Chairman, S.U. Board of Supervisors

**PERSONNEL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

Monday, March 28, 2011

2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, J.S. Clark Administration Building

Southern University and A & M College

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

**Minutes**

The meeting of the Personnel Affairs Committee of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by the Chair, Atty. Warren A. Forstall.

**PRESENT**

Atty. Warren A. Forstall, Chairman

Mr. Patrick W. Bell, Vice Chairman

Atty. Patrick O. Jefferson

Mr. Randale Scott

**ABSENT**

Mr. Richard J. Caiton

Mr. Darren G. Mire, Ex Officio

**UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING**

System President Ronald Mason, Jr.

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Chancellor Freddie Pitcher (SULC) Dr. Mwalimu Shujaa represented Chancellor Kofi

Lomotey(SUBR)

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**BOARD COUNSEL**

Attys. Winston DeCuir, Jr. and Tracie Woods

**AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

On motion of Atty. Jefferson, seconded by Mr. Scott, the agenda was adopted, as printed.

Motion carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEMS**

A. Family Emergency Medical Leave of Absence, SULC

On motion of Atty. Jefferson, seconded by Mr. Scott, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, the request from Professor Cynthia Picou for a family emergency leave of absence with pay, effective February 17, 2011 to May 31, 2011.

Motion carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Atty. Jefferson, seconded by Mr. Scott, the meeting was adjourned.

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Secretary, S.U. Board of Supervisors

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Chairman, S.U. Board of Supervisors



## **Facilities and Property Committee**

Monday, March 28, 2011  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, J.S. Clark Administration Building  
Southern University A&M College  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

### **Minutes**

The meeting of the Facilities and Property Committee of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by the Chairman, Mr. Walter Guidry.

#### **Present**

Mr. Walter Guidry, Chair  
Atty. Murphy F. Bell, Vice Chair  
Atty. Warren A. Forstall  
Mr. Myron K. Lawson  
Mr. Murphy Nash, Jr.

#### **Absent**

Mr. Richard J. Caiton  
Atty. Walter C. Dumas  
Mr. Darren G. Mire, Ex Officio

#### **University Personnel**

System President Ronald Mason, Jr.  
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Chancellor Freddie Pitcher (SULC) and Dr. Mwalimu Shujaa represented Chancellor Kofi Lomotey(SUBR)

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#### **Board Counsel**

Attys. Winston DeCuir, Jr., and Tracie Woods

#### **AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

On motion of Mr. Nash, seconded by Atty. Forstall, the agenda was adopted, as printed.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEMS**

A. Small Capital Projects, SUBR

On motion of Atty. Forstall, seconded by Mr. Lawson, the Committee recommends Board approval of the following Small Capital Projects on the SU-Baton Rouge Campus.

Motion carried unanimously.

- Amphitheater Design and Construction      \$400,000
- Hayden Hall Renovations                      \$450,000

**AGENDA ITEM 6: INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

None

**AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Mr. Nash, seconded by Mr. Lawson, the meeting was adjourned.

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Secretary, S.U. Board of Supervisors

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Chairman, S.U. Board of Supervisors

**ATHLETICS COMMITTEE**

3:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 19, 2011

2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, J.S. Clark Administration Building  
Southern University and A & M College  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

**Minutes**

The meeting of the Athletics Committee of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by the Chairman, Atty. Patrick D. Magee. The invocation was given by Atty. Tony M. Clayton.

**PRESENT**

Atty. Patrick D. Magee, Chairman  
Mr. Achilles Williams, Vice Chairman  
Mr. Patrick W. Bell  
Atty. Murphy F. Bell, Jr.  
Mr. Richard J. Caiton  
Mr. Myron K. Lawson  
Mr. Randale Scott  
Mr. Darren G. Mire, Ex-Officio

**ABSENT**

None

**UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING**

Chancellor Kofi Lomotey (SUBR)

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**BOARD COUNSEL**

Attys. Winston DeCuir, Jr., and Tracie Woods

**AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

On motion of Atty. Bell, seconded by Mr. Scott, the agenda was adopted, as printed.

Motion carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 4: WAIVER OF THE TEN-DAY ADVANCE NOTICE REQUIREMENT FOR MEETINGS**

On motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Williams, the Committee approved the waiver of the ten-day advance notice required for the meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 5: PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**AGENDA ITEM 6: ACTION ITEMS**

- A. Termination Hearing for Mr. Robert Spivery, Head Coach of Men's Basketball, SUBR (Executive Session)

Coach Spivery requested through his counsel, Atty. Donald Dobbins, that his hearing be held in an executive session.

On motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Atty. Bell, the Committee convened into an executive session to hold the termination hearing for Mr. Robert Spivery, Head Coach of Men's Basketball at Southern University – Baton Rouge.

Motion carried unanimously. Roll call vote: 7 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions

-EXECUTIVE SESSION-

Committee Member Patrick Bell arrived at the meeting.

-OPEN SESSION-

On motion of Mr. Caiton, seconded by Mr. Bell, the Committee reconvened into open session.

Motion carried unanimously. Roll call vote: 8 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions

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On motion of Atty. Bell, seconded by Mr. Lawson, the Committee voted to defer this matter to the System President for his recommendation to the Board at its April 29, 2011 meeting.

Motion carried unanimously. Roll call vote: 8 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions

B. Recommendation

None

**AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Mr. Williams, the meeting was adjourned.

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Secretary, S.U. Board of Supervisors

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Chairman, S.U. Board of Supervisors

First Extraordinary Session, 2011

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 15

BY REPRESENTATIVE BISHOP

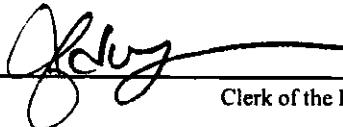
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Southern University Board of Supervisors to name the administration building at Southern University at New Orleans in honor of former chancellor Dr. Emmett W. Bashful.

**ORIGINATED**

IN THE

House of Representatives

  
Clerk of the House of Representatives

First Extraordinary Session, 2011

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 15

BY REPRESENTATIVE BISHOP

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Southern University Board of Supervisors to name the administration building at Southern University at New Orleans in honor of former chancellor Dr. Emmett W. Bashful.

WHEREAS, Dr. Emmett W. Bashful, former chancellor of Southern University at New Orleans (SUNO), died on Saturday, February 26, 2011, at the age of ninety-three; and

WHEREAS, a native of Pointe Coupee Parish, Dr. Bashful grew up in Baton Rouge and graduated from Southern University in 1940, taught public school in Allen Parish for one year, was a businessman, and served with valor in the United States Army from 1942 until 1946; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Bashful later taught political science at Florida A&M University and also taught political science for one year at his alma mater before being asked in 1959 by Southern president Felton G. Clark to open the New Orleans campus of Southern University; and

WHEREAS, from 1959 until 1987, Dr. Bashful served with great distinction as dean, vice president, and ultimately chancellor of SUNO, the first person to hold this vital position, and after his retirement, he served as chancellor emeritus; and

WHEREAS, under Dr. Bashful's superb leadership and direction, SUNO, which began with one building and one hundred fifty-eight students, grew tremendously, adding hundreds of course offerings and many buildings; and


WHEREAS, over the course of his highly productive career, Dr. Bashful received numerous honors and awards, and in recognition of his singular contributions, a block of Robert E. Lee Boulevard was named Emmett W. Bashful Boulevard; and


WHEREAS, the memory of Dr. Bashful will long continue to be a source of tremendous pride for his family, his friends, SUNO, the state of Louisiana, and the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, in order to pay tribute to him for a distinguished career of excellence in higher education and to recognize his momentous contributions and achievements, it is appropriate that the SUNO administration building be named in honor of Dr. Emmett W. Bashful.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Southern University Board of Supervisors to name the administration building at Southern University at New Orleans in honor of former chancellor Dr. Emmett W. Bashful.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the chairman of the Southern University Board of Supervisors.

  
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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

  
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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE





**STATE OF LOUISIANA**

ALFRED W. SPEER  
CLERK, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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April 7, 2011

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APR 11 2011

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

Mr. Darren Mire, Chairman  
Southern University Board of Supervisors  
P.O. Box 10878  
Baton Rouge, LA 70813

Dear Mr. Mire:

Pursuant to the direction of the 2011 1<sup>st</sup> Extraordinary Session of the Louisiana Legislature contained in the House Concurrent Resolution No. 15, please find enclosed herein a copy of the resolution.

Sincerely,

  
Alfred W. Speer

07-11-11  
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OFFICE

AWS/ap  
Enclosure

# Chancellor's Report



## SIGNIFICANT ACCOMPLISHMENTS/ACHIEVEMENTS

### **Recruitment is Everybody's Business**

On Wednesday, April 6, 2011, Julian Brew and his father, Joseph Brew, visited Southern University because SUBR is among the universities that Julian is considering for possible enrollment in Fall, 2011 as a beginning freshman. By any description, Julian is an "Academic Superstar," and he received the SUBR Academic Superstar treatment during his visit.



An itinerary was prepared especially for Julian that required the interaction and direct involvement of the Chancellor, the University's Senior Leadership Group, Office of Enrollment Management, the Honors College, College of Engineering, Department of Bands, and the Ombuds Office. Prior to Julian's arrival on campus, the University knew what Julian was considering as a major and what his interests were in terms of extra-curricular activities. This information assisted in the development of a personalized itinerary for Julian, who has a 4.0 GPA and a composite ACT score of 31. We also ensured that Julian had an opportunity to interact with students, to listen to students sharing their positive experiences at SUBR and to ask those students any questions that he might have. His visit ended with a tour of the campus conducted by a representative from the Ombuds Office.

## **SUBR Chancellor's Report**

At the end of the visit, Julian and his father indicated that the visit had been informative and impressive. We will, of course, continue to communicate with Julian with the hope that he will ultimately choose to enroll at SUBR following his high school graduation. This recruitment exercise with this prospective student simply illustrated the fact that recruitment is, indeed, everybody's business!

### **SUBR Holds Annual Spring Teacher Job Fair**

Southern University's College of Education held its Annual Spring Teacher Job Fair on January 6, 2011 at 1:00p.m. in the F. G. Clark Activity Center. Recruiters from more than 40 school districts in Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas and Mississippi interviewed teacher candidates in all areas of certification.

### **SUBR's BEEP Hosts Career Awareness and Planning Seminar (CAPS)**

Southern University's League of Black Executive Exchange Program (BEEP) Associates sponsored a Career Awareness and Planning Seminar on April 6-8, 2011. The theme for the seminar was "Attention to Detail with Big Picture Orientation." The featured speaker was motivational speaker and National Alumni Federation President, Dennis S. Brown.

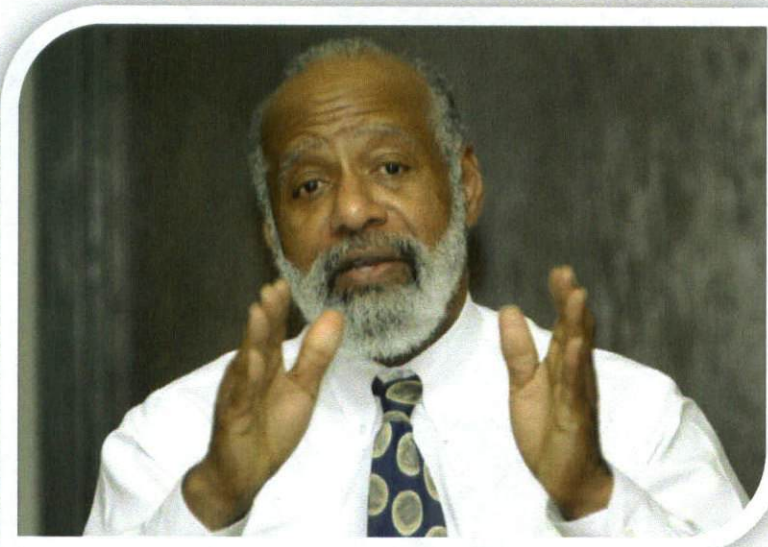
Companies attending and participating were Shell Oil, Cox Communications, the National Urban League, Target, the IRS, the CIA, United States Department of Agriculture, Con Edison and Johnson and Johnson. The seminar gave the students first-hand information on what companies expect from prospective employees. In addition, résumé critiques, interview prep sessions, networking sessions, etiquette seminars and competitions designed to enhance personal and professional development were all a part of the CAPS experience.

This year's competitive activity was an impromptu speaking activity called, "Say It in 2." This competition was sponsored by Douglas Simmons of Cox Communications.

### **LSUBR/SUBR Serve as Co-Hosts for J. D. Haynes, Jr. Visit**

Dr. J. K. Haynes, Jr., Dean of Science and Mathematics at Morehouse College, visited the campuses of SUBR and LSUBR on April 7-8, 2011. The two universities were co-hosts for Dr. Haynes' visit. Dr. Haynes is a biologist with special interest in sickle cell anemia research. He has also led what is arguably the most effective National Institute of Health (NIH) teaching postdoc





program in the United States. Among his many accomplishments is the major role that he has played to catapult Morehouse to its current position of fifth in the U. S. in producing minority Ph.D. students.

Dr. Haynes met with selected faculty on both the SUBR and LSUBR campuses. He also spoke at a joint faculty session planned and coordinated by the SUBR and LSUBR Faculty Senates. Students from a

number of universities in the state participated in poster presentations. This noted scholar also gave an overview on world-wide research in sickle cell anemia. The two-day joint event was a result of the efforts of both chancellors, faculty senate presidents, Honor College deans and other program leaders from the LSUBR and SUBR campuses.

The highlight of Dr. Haynes' visit for SUBR was his presentation on Friday, April 8, 2011 on the Baton Rouge Campus, J. K. Haynes Building, School of Nursing. His presentation was more of an intimate conversation with approximately 16 SUBR faculty members. The exchange focused on the possibility of future collaboration with Morehouse College in the areas of teacher education, social research and STEM disciplines research projects. Those present were eager to pursue future possible collaboration with Morehouse College.

### **School of Nursing to offer online course on AIDS**

The School of Nursing will offer the online course, "AIDS: A Nation in Crisis" during the University's Summer 2011 session.

The Health Sciences 202 course is open to any college student interested in learning about the impact of AIDS on healthcare and society. Classes begin June 6.

Upon the completion of the course, students will be able to:

- Discuss the history and epidemiology of Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV).
- Identify the risk factors and high-risk groups associated with HIV transmission.
- Explore the HIV testing process including private and governmental influences.

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- Describe the legal, ethical, and moral issues related to HIV/AIDS and how they impact persons with AIDS.
- Identify and explore resources/ websites available for persons living with AIDS.
- Discuss the importance of health education in maintaining prevention of transmission of HIV/AIDS.

The course will be taught by Dr. Leah S. Cullins, APRN, MSN, FNP-BC, and Assistant Professor in the Southern University School of Nursing.

Cullins was recently appointed to serve as a nurse representative for the Louisiana State Nurses Association on the governor's HIV, AIDS, and Hepatitis C Commission.

The commission is responsible for coordinating forums on AIDS, HIV and Hepatitis C related matters among state agencies, local government, and other nongovernmental groups. It researches and reviews all state regulations, guidelines, policies, and procedures relative to the prevention, treatment and care of HIV infection, AIDS, and Hepatitis C and, when appropriate, makes recommendations to the governor, the Secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals, and the legislature.

Cullins has studied at the National Institutes of Health, National Institutes of Research, Summer Genetics Institute through Georgetown University for training in molecular human genetics, and was chosen to participate in a minority faculty training program funded by HRSA.

She has published research on cancer fatalism and breast-screening in African-American women, presented her findings at symposiums, and is currently building a program of research on breast cancer and HIV and AIDS in African American women.

To register for the course, visit <https://webserve.subr.edu/> or call 225.771.5050.

### **"Relay for Life" Held on SUBR Campus**

On April 8, 2011, individuals gathered on the Baton Rouge campus of Southern University for the Annual American Cancer Society "Relay for Life" activity which took place at A. W. Mumford Stadium from 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. "Relay for Life" is an overnight community celebration. Individuals come together to celebrate the lives of cancer survivors and to remember those who lost their battle with cancer. The affair is a celebration of life and of the human spirit. It is also an opportunity to raise funds for cancer research and services. Participants eat, fellowship and walk the track in relay style as acts of celebration and remembrance.

### **"Careers in Insurance Workshop," Job Fair set for SU**

*Commissioner of Insurance Jim Donelon is keynote speaker*

Southern University's College of Business, the Louisiana Small Business Resource Center and the Louisiana Department of Insurance presented a Careers in Insurance Workshop and Job Fair, April 12, on the Baton Rouge campus. The workshop was

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held from 9:30 a.m. – 10:50 a.m. in room 313 on the 3rd Floor of T.T. Allain Hall. The Insurance Career Fair followed the workshop from 11 a.m. – 12:20 p.m. in the 2nd Floor Lobby of T.T. Allain Hall. Both events were free and open to the public. Business attire was requested.

### **Other Activities for This Reporting Period**

7<sup>th</sup> Annual Career Day in Rehabilitation sponsored by the Department of Rehabilitation and Disability Studies - April 6, 2011, Royal Cotillion Ballroom, Smith-Brown Union.

Initiation ceremony for new members, Spring 2011, of Kappa Delta Pi, International Honors Society in Education - Thursday, April 7, 2011, 12:00 noon, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, W. W. Stewart Hall.

Celebration and Observance of Foreign Language Week – April 11-15, 2011; all activities took place in Rooms 313 and 320, T. T. Allain Hall. Contact was the Department of Foreign Languages for specific dates and times. Presentations were made in French, Spanish, German, Chinese, Wolof and Swahili.

Department of Visual and Performing Arts' production of Sophocles' Greek tragedy Antigone opened on Wednesday, April 13-16 and played for four performances in Frank Hayden Hall, Fine Arts Theatre.

Senior/Student Visual Arts Exhibition, Frank Hayden Hall, April 13-27, 2011, Monday – Thursday, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. PoeArtry, an evening of poetry and art, April 14-15, 2011, 7-9 p.m., Frank Hayden Hall.

### **Jazz Series Set for June**

The third annual Southern University Classical Jazz on the Bluff Concert Series kicks off on Friday, June 3, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. with the phenomenal drummer, Herlin Riley. On Friday, June 10, 2011, the amazing harpist, Jeff Majors, will appear, followed by the great vocalist, Michaela A. Harrison, on Friday, June 17<sup>th</sup>. Michael Phillips, a regular at the series, who has played saxophone with Stevie Wonder and Prince, and who appears on the latest Michael Jackson CD, will close out the Series on Thursday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Admission is free. Each concert will be preceded by a workshop by the artist at 5:00 p.m. Locations on the campus will be announced shortly.

### **Office of Media Relations Update**

Both WAFB-TV Ch. 9 and WBRZ-TV Ch. 2 aired interviews with the Rev. Al Sharpton on their March 16 news shows. Sharpton's visit to Southern was part of the Chancellor's Lecture Series.

On March 17, The Advocate published an article about the Rev. Al Sharpton's speech on the Baton Rouge campus.



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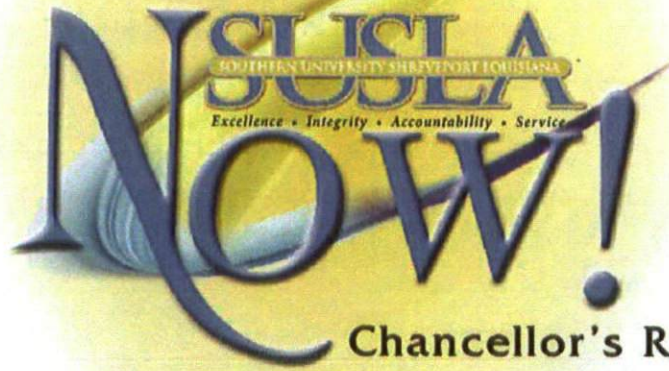
WAFB-TV Ch. 9 covered the Relay for Life event on the Baton Rouge campus on April 8, including interviews with participants. The walk was a breast cancer awareness event co-promoted by SUBR.

On April 9, Media Relations Director Ed Pratt was a guest on the WAFB-TV Ch. 9 Saturday Morning Show to promote the Jazz, Art and Silent Auction show held April 16 by the Center for International Education. The event was held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Advocate's Magazine Section published a story on April 10 profiling the Department of Visual and Performing Arts upcoming production of the play "Antigone."



Dr. Ray L. Belton, Chancellor



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## Michael V. Roberts, Sr., Scheduled to Deliver Commencement Address

Michael Roberts is the classic American entrepreneur. Born to middle class hard working parents, educated in the St. Louis public school system. He worked his way through college and law school to become one of St. Louis' leading businessmen. Throughout his rise in business, Mr. Roberts maintained a strong commitment to the African-American community from which he came. Locating his headquarters in the heart of this community, his endeavors over the last thirty-five years have created thousands of jobs and entrepreneurial opportunities, raised the level of economic activity and enhanced the quality of life for the African- American community.

Mr. Roberts' broad range of professional knowledge and experience developed as both a business owner and public official (St. Louis Board of Aldermen, 1977-1985) encompasses the application of innovative financing strategies for large public projects, public-private sector development negotiation strategies, and successful management techniques for urban commercial properties. His leadership in the creation of innovative strategies for financing of redevelopment projects propelled the City into a major redevelopment phase that lasted throughout the 1980s.



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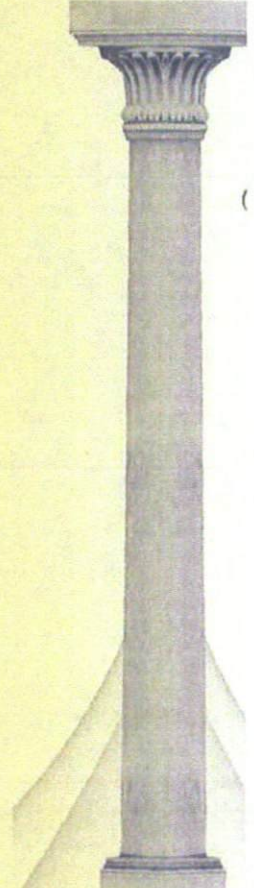
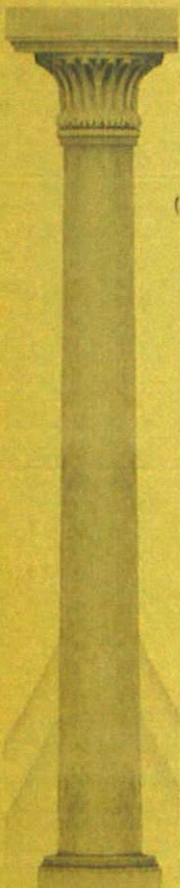
*Spring Commencement Ceremony*

*Thursday, May 12, 2011*

*7:00 p. m.*

*Shreveport Convention Center*

*400 Caddo Street • Shreveport, Louisiana.*





## Gilliam Speaks at 2011 Founders' Day Celebration

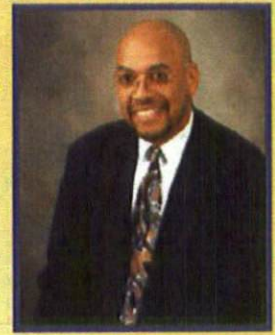
Friday, March 11, at 11 o'clock, SUSLA hosted its' Annual Founders' Day Celebration in the Health and Physical Education Complex. The theme for the Southern University System observance was *"Southern University: Navigating the Waters and Mastering the Currents?"*

The keynote speaker for the occasion was Mr. Sam Albert Gilliam, a Retiree and Former Southern University Board of Supervisors' Chairman, Interim Chancellor (1998-99) and Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs (1990-98 & 1982-88) ) for Southern University at Shreveport. Gilliam has a Graduate Degree in Educational Administration from Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, LA; and, earned his Undergraduate Degree from Southern University, Baton Rouge, LA in 1966. He is a graduate of the Harvard University Institute of Educational Management with distinction as an AT & T Fellow. Gilliam is a native of (South) Mansfield, Louisiana and was educated in the Public School System of Desoto Parish.

Gilliam is married to Felicia Hurst-Gilliam. He has three (3) children, (Gayard, Yvanka and Maykayla), three grandchildren (Curan, Gayard, Jr. and Gaybriel) and one great-granddaughter (Kaitlyn).

Southern University at Shreveport celebrates Founders' Day each year to honor and pay homage to its forefathers and to those individuals who have played a significant and prominent role in the overall triumph and historical legacy of the institution.

During the Annual Founders' Day program, the following faculty/staff members were recognized for their years of service to SUSLA: Clifford R. Collins with 40 years of service; and JoAnn Brown with 20 years of service; John L. B. Alak, Ilko G. Iliev, Kimberly A. Madden, Veronica Bagley, Rebecca Gilliam, Theron J. Jackson, Nathaniel Manning, Jane R. O'Riley, Carl Owens, Marshall W. Nelson, Doyce Payne, Deloris A. Surles, Vanessa White, Olden Wright, Joe Adger, Linda Sullivan, Minnie L. Johnson, Voronda A. Fields and Charles R. Washington, with 10 years of service to the University.



Prof. Robert Williams, Dr. Orella Brazile and Prof. June Phillips join Dr. Belton as he recognized Prof. Clifford Collins for 40 years of service.



Dr. Belton recognized Mr. Gilliam as 2011 Founders' Day speaker with an award of recognition.



Employees recognized for 10 - 40 years of service.

# Annual BLACK BUSINESS Expo

## 2nd Northwest Louisiana Black Business Expo hosted at SUSLA "Businesses Doing Business"

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### Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Expo 2011



(left to right) Dr. Ray Belton, Janice Sneed, Booker White, James Pannell, Troy Broussard & Karen Barnes.

On Saturday, March 26, 2011, Southern University at Shreveport, Shreveport-Bossier African American Chamber of Commerce, and The Greater Shreveport Chamber of Commerce's Minority Business Council hosted the second Northwest Louisiana Black Business Expo at SUSLA's Health and P.E. Complex.

The purpose of the event is to promote economic development through increased exposure for Black owned businesses. Businesses were given the opportunity to secure booths and to sell their products and services to the public. It was also an opportunity for major corporations and government entities to develop viable working relationships with Black owned businesses while marketing their product and service to a growing consumer market.

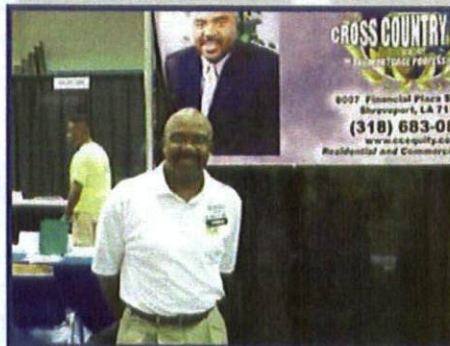
More than 75 vendors participated in the event. The event included food vendors, a dance/cheer leader camp, a Young Entrepreneurs panel sponsored by the Radio Group, face painting, a space walk and other activities for children. This was a family oriented event that brought about a diverse group of vendors.



Volunteer Tuesday Williams, Director of Career Services does face painting




Sponsors received special recognition during Expo 2011



Workshops were presented on "How To Get The Money" by The Radio Group & Accion and Capital One sponsored a workshop on Financing Your Business. Several business owners, as well as potential business owners listens to find out about alternative financing.

## Student Affairs Host Women's Month Forum



*Celebrating*  
*Women's Month*

*Marita*  
**KINNEY**

*Southern University at Shreveport*  
JLV Multi-Purpose Room  
Wednesday, March 30, 2011 10:00 am

Sponsored By:  
Division of Student Affairs/Department of Student Activities  
Dr. Ray L. Belton, Chancellor  
Dr. Sharon F. Green, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs  
Dr. Melva K. Turner-Williams,  
Assistant Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs  
Mrs. Rebecca Gilliam, Director of Student Activities

Marita L. Kinney is a woman of many talents. Both a published author and motivational speaker, Marita has inspired hundreds of people to overcome adversity with triumph through faith and perseverance. In March of 2009 Marita published her very first book entitled "The Unspoken Walk". The Unspoken Walk has afforded Marita the opportunity to travel all over the country spreading the wonderful joys of her faith with anyone willing to hear it.

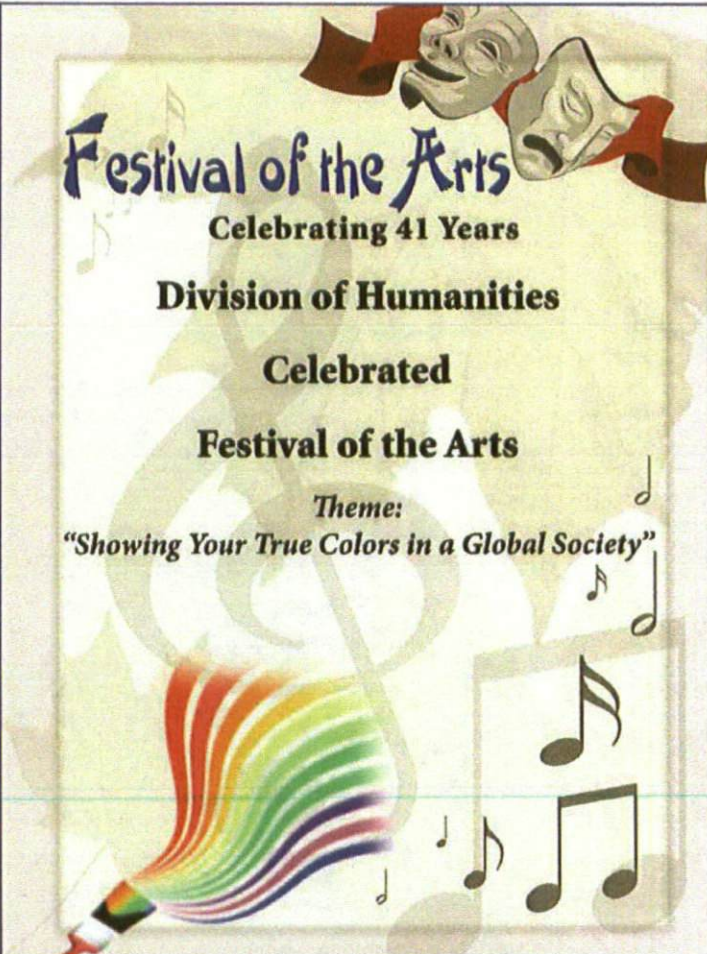
During her presentation, Marita addressed self-esteem, self-determination, personal growth/development, and ways to stay positive during life's most challenging moments.

She captured the true essence of what it means to turn "lemons into lemonade".

## Dual Enrollment / Early Start Program Hosts Summit

**Early Start/Dual Enrollment Summit**  
**Clarion Hotel**  
**April 26 at 4:30 pm.**

The Office of Dual Enrollment identified strategies designed to streamline the focus of the department and to increase student enrollment. These strategies will be presented to participating area high schools during this summit. Changes affecting participation in the program, new career pathways as well as Department heads from selected academic disciplines will be highlighted.



**Festival of the Arts**  
Celebrating 41 Years  
**Division of Humanities**  
Celebrated  
**Festival of the Arts**  
Theme:  
**"Showing Your True Colors in a Global Society"**

The Festival of Arts originated with former instructor Gerald Cotton whose idea was to celebrate the Humanities and the Arts. Past celebrators who have been featured at the Festival included Roosevelt Daniel, Chair of Art Department; Margaret Walker, Author of Jubilee; Gwendolyn Brooks, Outstanding poetess; Ernest Gaines, Author of The Autobiography of Ms. Jane Pittman and In My Father's House; Judi Ann Mason, T.V. Writer for "Good times", many other local celebrators and made an appearance by the "Clydesdale Horses".

Theme for the 2011 celebration was "Showing Your True Colors in a Global Society" which focused on tolerance and diversity for all people.

The opening ceremony featured the SUSLA Theatre Aesthetic class and UpStage Drama Troupe presenting a Langston Hughes play "Limitation of Life", a parody of the screen play "Imitation of Life".

The Festival continued on Tuesday with a Day of Dance, Poetry and Gospel music featuring Professor Roshanda Spears and the Dance Classes.

Wednesday's Programming included Blues and Jazz with Dorsey Summerfield, Jibri Houston and Askari Hinton of Bluegoose Blues, with a Salute to Leadbelly, a Shreveport Native.

Women Retirees "Who Have Made a Difference" were invited back to campus and honored in a "Support Our Southern and Community Forum", moderated by Professor Jennifer Green, Assistant Professor of Communications. The retirees who returned to campus in support of SUSLA were:

Lurene Barfield  
Dorothy Moore  
Norma Shelton  
Nora Woods Ware

Gretchen Benner  
Rosa Banks Robinson  
Hellen Walker  
Dr. Mary Louise Wilson

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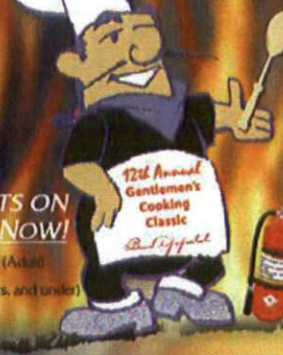
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**SUNO holds Ribbon Cutting for New State of the Art Information Technology Center**

**March 2011**

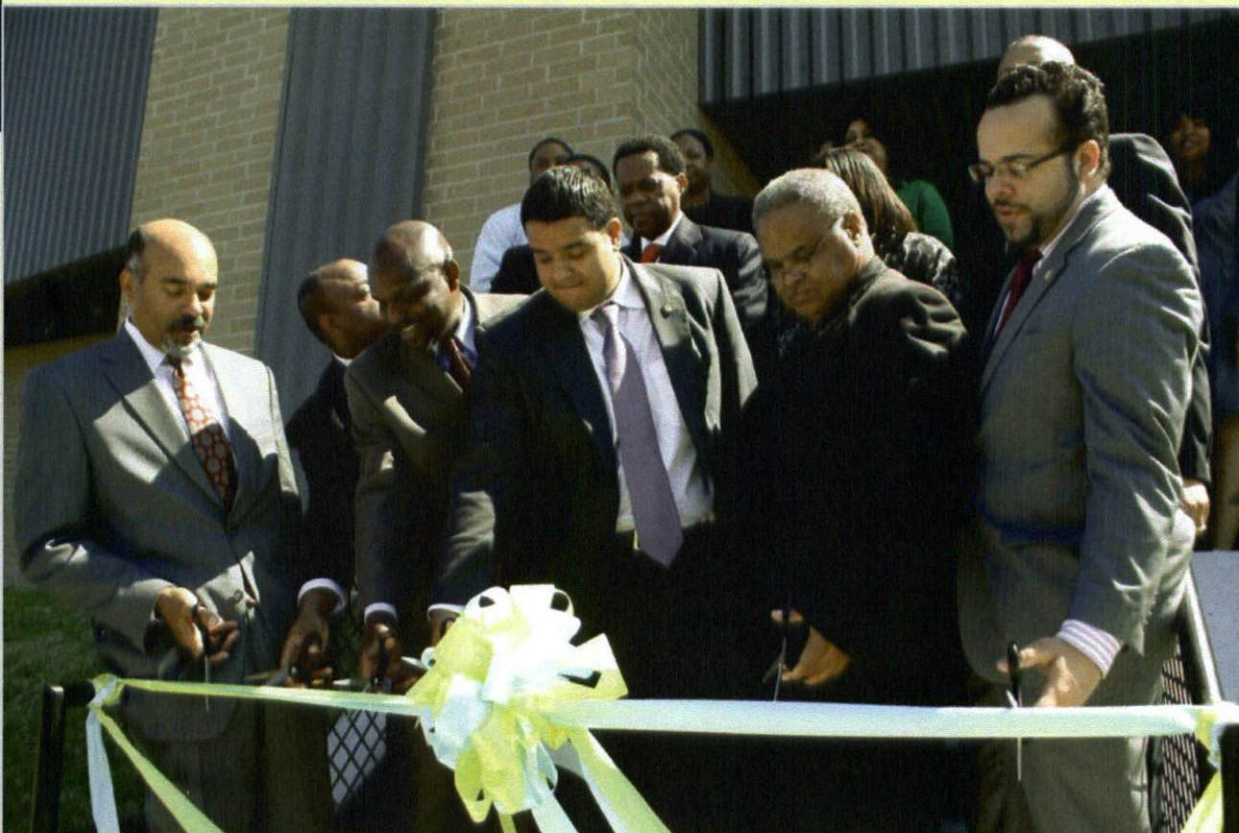


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Students, faculty, staff, alumni, political leaders, and Southern University System officials, including System President Ron Mason, ITC Director Ed Cummings, SUNO Chancellor Victor Ukpolo, State Representative Jared Brosette, System Board Member Walter Guidry, State Senator J.P. Morrell, Pastor C.S. Gordon, Jr., State Representative Austin Badon, Dr. David Adegboye, SUNO's Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, and State Representative Wesley T. Bishop, during the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the University's state-of-the-art Information Technology Center, housed on the Lake Campus. The event was held Wednesday, March 16, 2011. The ITC Building costs approximately \$2.2 million.

## Academic Affairs

College of Arts and Sciences:  
Dr. Henry E. Mokosso, Dean  
Report on Major College of  
Arts & Sciences Activities:  
March, 2011

Department of Arts and Hu-  
manities – March, 2011  
Dr. Sudipta Das, Chair

Dr. Lora Helvie-Mason pre-  
sented "The fully online pub-  
lic speaking course" as part of  
the panel, "From Aristotle to  
cyberspace – Best practices in  
online delivery of the basic  
course" at the Southern States  
Communication Association  
annual conference March 23-  
27, 2011 in Little Rock, Ar-  
kansas. Dr. Lora Helvie-  
Mason also served as Chair  
for the "Great Ideas in Teach-  
ing Speech" session and is the  
current secretary for the SSCA  
Instructional Development  
Division.

Dr. Jerry Giddens attended the  
Modern Language Associa-  
tion's Annual Conference in  
Los Angeles, California. He  
is slated to deliver two papers,  
for two separate conferences,  
this semester: "Richard Brau-  
tigan: A Literary Biography  
and its Peril" at the Twenty-  
Seventh Annual Conference of  
the International Society for  
Educational Biography in San  
Antonio, Texas and "Richard  
Brautigan, Jack Spicer, and  
'Trout Fishing in America' " at  
the Popular Culture Associa-  
tion / American Culture Asso-  
ciation's Annual Conference,  
also to be held in San Anto-  
nio. Dr. Giddens' poem  
"Today I Saw Em' Deep Fry  
Ribs on TV: A New Orleans  
Montage" was published in  
the Autumn Issue of The Chi-  
ron Review.

Department of Natural Sci-

ence –March, 2011  
Dr. Mostafa Elaasar, Chair

Dr. Mostafa Elaasar's  
Monthly Activities for March  
2011:

Dr. Elaasar was a judge at the  
1st Annual E3MaS High  
School Science Fair held at  
SUNO's gymnasium on Fri-  
day, March 18th. Dr. Elaasar  
was a judge of the Computer  
Science, Mathematics and  
Physics Section.

Dr. Zheng Chen's Monthly  
Activities for March 2011:  
Dr. Chen was a judge at the  
1st Annual E3MaS High  
School Science Fair held at  
SUNO's gymnasium on Fri-  
day, March 18th. Dr. Chen  
was a judge of the Computer  
Science, Mathematics and  
Physics Section.

Dr. Alvin Bopp's Monthly  
Activities for March 2011:  
Dr. Bopp was a judge at the  
1st Annual E3MaS High  
School Science Fair held at  
SUNO's gymnasium on Fri-  
day, March 18th. Dr. Bopp  
judged the Chemistry Section

Dr. Bopp attended the 241st  
National Meeting of the  
American Chemical Society in  
Anaheim, California from the  
26th through the 30th. He is  
an Associate on the Commit-  
tee for Chemistry and Public  
Affairs and the councilor for  
the Louisiana section of the  
American Chemical Society.

Dr. Lisa Mims-Devezin's  
Monthly Activities for March  
2011:

Dr. Mims-Devezin was a  
judge at the 1st Annual  
E3MaS High School Science  
Fair held at SUNO's gymna-  
sium on Friday, March 18th.

Dr. Mims-Devezin judged the  
Biology Section

Dr. Murty Kambhampati's  
Monthly Activities for March  
2011:

Received a Travel Grant of  
\$5,000 from NIS to support  
travel for nine S-STEM Stu-  
dents to participate at the 68th  
Annual Joint NIS / BKX  
meeting in Atlanta, GA  
(March 23-28, 2011)

Submitted a supplemental  
grant for a faculty and three S-  
STEM (Biology majors) to the  
National Science Foundation  
to support summer research in  
FaST and SULI Programs at  
Brookhaven National Labora-  
tory

Ms. Dominique Townsend  
and Mr. Herman Mackey at-  
tended the Society of Toxicol-  
ogy Conference in Washing-  
ton D.C. (Mentees of Dr.  
Kambhampati)

Participated in "Quality Mat-  
ters for On-Line Courses"  
workshop, sponsored by the  
Vice Chancellor for Academic  
Affairs Office, conducted on  
Saturday, February 12, 2011  
at SUNO.

A total of eight S-STEM stu-  
dents and myself (seven biol-  
ogy majors – Ms. Jerilynn St.  
Cyr, Ms. Aurelia Whitmore,  
Ms. Ashley White, Ms. Nata-  
sha Robateau, Ms. Dominique  
Townsend, Ms. Dorcas Fa-  
lodun, and Ms. Cierra Green;  
and one mathematics major –  
Ms. Ashley Cagle) partici-  
pated in the 68th Annual Joint  
NIS/BKX Research Confer-  
ence in Atlanta, GA (March  
23-27, 2011). During this con-  
ference, Ms. Jerilynn St. Cyr  
won First place in the Envi-

## Academic Affairs

ronmental Science and Mathematics Oral Presentation category; Ms. Natasha Robateau won First place in the Environmental Science and Mathematics Poster Presentation category; and Ms. Ashley Cagle won Third in the Environmental Science and Mathematics Oral Presentation category.

Co-organized the First Annual E3MaS Science Fair for High School students at SUNO along with his peers on E3MaS ( Dr. J. Omojola and D. C. P. Johnson).

Reviewed Biology and mathematics applications for faculty positions. Also participated in the telephone interviews for Biology candidates along with Natural Science Search Committee members.

Dr. Heon Kim's Monthly Report for March 2011: Dr. Kim got a funded proposal (Pilot Fund from Board of Regents). It starts from March 2011-Feb 2012.

Dr. Kim attended the Quality Matters (QM) Workshop in Online Course Design Certification at SUNO on February 12, 2011.

Dr. Tietzel's March Monthly Activities:  
In March 2011, Dr. Tietzel received a mentor travel and conference award from the Society of Toxicology to attend the 50th Annual Meeting of the Society of Toxicology in Washington, D.C. together with SUNO undergraduate students from March 5th to 7th. Dr. Tietzel was also functioning as an undergraduate advisor during the group sessions of undergraduates at the Society of Toxicology meeting and re-

ceived a certificate.

Dr. Tietzel reviewed applications as a faculty member of the hiring committee for the Department of Natural Sciences.

Dr. Tietzel attended the Outreach Session and Grant Workshop of the National Science Foundation hosted by Dr. Nicola Anthony and NSF Program Director, Cellular Clusters at UNO's CERM building on March 14, 2011. The Program Director, Dr. Rodewald, asked Dr. Tietzel about the progress of the NSF RAPID Oil spill research grant and was very pleased with the progress.

Undergraduate mentees of Dr. Tietzel, namely Ms. Aurellia Whitmore, Ms. Ciara Green and Ms. Ashlea White presented their research in the area of Microbiology as a talk and poster, respectively, at the 68th Joint Annual Meeting of Beta Kappa Chi (BKX) and The National Institute of Science (NIS) March 23-27, 2011 hosted by Fort Valley State University in conjunction with the Office of Graduate Studies at Clark Atlanta University in Atlanta, Georgia.

Ms. Aurellia Whitmore, undergraduate research mentee of Dr. Tietzel, was accepted in the competitive NSF Research Experience for Undergraduates at Pennsylvania State University Harrisburg for summer research in 2011. The summer research project of the Principal Investigator, Dr. Sairam Rudrabhatla is in the area of Sustainable Bioenergy starting from June 1st to August 10th and entails a stipend for students in the amount

\$4,750 plus subsidized on-campus housing.

Former SUNO Biology Graduate Ms. Stemley brought her class from Blue Cliff College in Metairie to Dr. Tietzel's class and was introduced to basic techniques in Microbiology such as simple stain and catalase test. This is the second year that Blue Cliff College students enjoyed a field trip to SUNO to learn various Microbiology techniques with hands-on experience.

Dr. Tietzel's undergraduate research mentees Mr. Theophilus Edovia, Ms. Ciara Green, and Ms. Aurellia Whitmore, presented their research at 2011 Emerging Researchers National (ERN) Conference in STEM in Washington, DC, from February 24-26, 2011. These students also won travel awards to attend the conference.

Dr. Tietzel was actively involved as a judge of the talks by undergraduate research students and graduate research students in the area of biology at the 2011 Emerging Researchers National (ERN) Conference in STEM in Washington, DC, on February 24-26, 2011.

Dr. Tietzel, as a member of the European Macrophage and Dendritic Cell Society (EMDS), participated in voting for the new EMDS council members.

Dr. Tietzel gave a presentation about African Americans in Biological Sciences to interested students on February 8th in the conference room of the Department of Natural Sciences at SUNO. Biology majors and non-majors attended. After the open discussion, science majors of Dr. Tietzel's BIOL325 Mo-

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lecular Biology lecture had the additional option to contribute to an online discussion board on SUNO's blackboard platform. Twenty three comments were posted on the Blackboard discussion forum.

Dr. Rachid Belmasrou's Monthly Activities in March: Dr. Belmasrou made a presentation at the conference "Program for the Academy of Business Research"

He submitted a paper for review entitled:

"A Case Study: Enhancement of Business Process Management through System Automation."

Dr. Solomon Adekunle's March Activities: Dr. Adekunle attended the Hayward Genetics Center Seminar Series on "Candidate Genes, Genomic Instability and Cancer Progression" at Tulane Medical School on Friday, March 25, 2011, 11am - 12noon.

Dr. Yolander Youngblood's March Activities: Dr. Youngblood participated in Faculty Development via Service Learning/ELearning training with Dr. Vaughn on March 12th and 19th.

Dr. Youngblood also continued her research with student Don Harris, including using the Scanning Electron Microscope at the LSU Socolofsky Microscope Center in Baton Rouge on March 31st.

The following faculty went to these schools for SUNO Day: L W. Higgins on the Westbank - Friday, March 11,

2011  
Dr. Tietzel, Dr. Kambhampati, Dr. Adekunle, Dr. Ekaidi and Dr. Atteia  
Dr. Chen, Dr. Tan, Dr. Belmasrou, Dr. Singleton  
Priestly School of Architecture and Construction at SUNO - Tuesday, March 22, 2011  
Dr. Elaasar, Dr. Tan, Dr. Olubadewo and Ms. Triggs.  
Dr. Marinov, Dr. Chen, Dr. Kambhampati, Dr. Tietzel and Dr. Adekunle volunteered but were unable to attend because the event was completed early at 10:30 and they were scheduled after that time.  
Miller McCoy High School - Tuesday, March 29, 2011  
Dr. Elaasar, Dr. Tan, Dr. Olubadewo

The following faculty were scheduled to work but the event was ended early at 10:30 - Dr. Adekunle, Dr. Tietzel, Dr. Chen and Dr. Belmasrou. We thank them for volunteering.  
Sarah T. Reed - Wednesday, March 30, 2011  
Dr. Elaasar, Dr. Atteia, Dr. Celestin, Dr. Ekaidi, Ms. Triggs, Dr. Chen, Dr. Belmasrou  
Department of Social Science - February and March, 2011  
Dr. John Penny, Chair

Dr. John Penny:  
Appeared in the Jefferson Parish Court as an expert witness. Collaborating with the Orleans Parish Sheriff Department on issues relating to the Re-Entry Program.  
Collaborating with the Next Level Program in developing and implementing program for prison Re-Entry for women as well as Domestic Violence for the same group.  
Collaborating and meeting with Plaquemines Parish to

develop health care for the parish.

Meeting at City Hall regarding employment opportunities for ex-offenders. Transitional jobs for ex-offenders.

Dr. George Amedee:  
On February 10, Dr. Amedee attended Strategic Planning Committee Meeting and assisted in reviewing the mission statement.

On February 8 and 22, Dr. Amedee served as chair and attended two meetings on the New Orleans City Planning Commission and served as a member and attended two meetings of the New Orleans Recreation Department Commission.

In February, Dr. Amedee wrote a foreword for a new book examining the BP Oil Spill.

From February 23-25, Dr. Amedee attended the conference and presented a paper at the Pan African Student Leadership Conference in Mankato, Minnesota entitled "Pan African Political and Cultural Linkages: New Orleans and the African Diaspora"

Museum Studies - March, 2011  
Dr. Sara J. Hollis, Director

M.A. Museum Studies General News for March 2011  
There is a lot of activity in M.A. Museum Studies leading up to the May 7th Graduation. There are a number of students striving to finish their Master's Theses and Master's Project Exhibitions and Catalogs.

Dr. Sara Hollis is working with the students doing their exhibitions and accompanying catalogs: Mr. Miroslav



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Brekalo, who is exhibiting the New Orleans Police Department's history in the 19th century at the Eight District Headquarters in the French Quarter; Ms. Nika Carter whose exhibition of photography and multimedia art works by various artists on the subject of the human hand is currently at the McKenna Museum on Carondelet through April 8th; Ms. Letitia Hopkins, whose exhibition of Voodoo as a world religion will open at the McKenna on April 7th; Rev. Olushola Gideon Falodun whose exhibition on the Stations of the Cross was held in Iowa City, Iowa; Ms. Beryl Johns, whose exhibition on the art of the Harlem Renaissance and WPA was held at Stella Jones Gallery; and Mr. Michael Harris, whose exhibition on the music of the Harlem Renaissance was held in conjunction with the art at Stella Jones Gallery; Ms. Claudette L. Smith-Brown, whose exhibition of her photographs of Haiti before and after the earthquake was held at the Jazz & Heritage Foundation Gallery; Mr. Jamal London, whose exhibition of paintings calling attention to homelessness was held in the Dillard University Gallery; Ms. Donelyn Sampson, whose exhibition will be held on campus highlighting art from SUNO's African Art Collections which has grown out of her work with SUNO's Center for African and African American Studies Curator Ms. Linda Hill; Ms. Patricia Flowers who has joined the tradition of quilters who make baby quilts and then donate them for children in foster care whose exhibition will be held at the Southern University System Museum in Baton Rouge; and Mr. Gus Bennett whose exhibition of his own masterful photographs was held

at the Jazz & Heritage Foundation Gallery.

Dr. Yu Jiang was been working with students who have chosen the Thesis Option including, Ms. Theresa Louise Butler, Ms. Beryl Faith Hunter; Mr. Derrick M. Napoleon, and Ms. Nettie Brooks Roche and is chairing their committees. Dr. Nina Muller-Schwarze has been working with Mr. Mervin Crump on his thesis and is chairing his committee. Supervised by Dr. Yu Jiang, a number of M.A. Museum Studies Students are currently doing their internships. Many arts, historic and archival institutions in New Orleans are now requesting our M.A. Museum Studies Students for internships. Some have been providing paid internships. Among the students who are doing internships, Mr. Donnie Sampson and Roberta Wilson are working at the African Art Collection, SUNO's Center for African and African American Studies (with curator Ms. Linda Hill), and Ms. Shawn Reed and Ms. Dawn Reed are working at the New Orleans Ashe Cultural Arts Center.

The New Orleans Museum of Art and the World War II Museums are holding series of lectures and public interview programs for the community and interested citizens. Dr. Hollis and students from the Master of Arts in Museum Studies Program here at SUNO have been attending these lectures and discussions which is further raising the consciousness of our program in the museums community here.

Health Information Manage-

ment System –March, 2011  
Ms. Andrea Mignott, Director

Andrea Mignott:  
Ms. Mignott attended the LSU Health Public Hospital Administrative Board Meeting  
Ms. Mignott continues to advise and council new and continuing students.

Ms. Mignott attended the Dean's Council Meeting on March 18, 2011.

Ms. Mignott serves on SUNO's International Student Association Committee.

Ms. Mignott continues to work on an Articulation Agreement with SUNO and Delgado Allied Health Program.

Ms. Mignott continues to work on the HIMS accreditation.  
Ms. Mignott attended the Quality Matters Workshop on March 12, 2011.

Ms. Mignott continues working on a Title III Grant for the HIMS Program.

Ms. Mignott has been selected by the American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA)'s Action Committee for Excellence (ACE) to serve as an experienced HIMS/Faculty to mentor new faculty.  
Ms. Mignott served on the committee for SUNO's Women's Heritage Conference that was on March 26, 2011.

Ms. Mignott continues to work on Self Study.

Ms. Mignott continues to work on HIMS Student Handbook.

Laura Douresseaux:

Ms. Douresseaux continues to advise new and continuing students for spring 2011 semester.  
Ms. Douresseaux continues researching Grant opportunities for HIMS Program.

Ms. Douresseaux continues to provide counseling and tutoring for HIM students.

Ms. Douresseaux met with Ms.

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Mosby-Wilson, Library Director, to discuss software for HIMS 250 Healthcare Statistics and Research.

Ms. Douresseaux is researching software for HIMS 250 course.

Ms. Douresseaux attended the Quality Matters Workshop on March 12 & 19, 2011.

Ms. Douresseaux presented on Personal Health Records at SUNO's Women's Heritage Conference on March 26, 2011.

Ms. Douresseaux is planning HIMS Awards Ceremony

College of Business:

Dr. Igwe Udeh, Dean

Report on Major College of Business Activities: March, 2011

Accreditation:

CBA received a letter from the Initial Accreditation Committee (IAC) of AACSB International dated March 30, 2011, indicating that the IAC has reviewed and accepted CBA's 2011 Progress Report. The letter commended CBA for its hard work.

As proof of the tremendous progress made in improving the quality of its academic programs, CBA has been invited by IAC of AACSB International to file a Letter of Application for Initial Business Accreditation by June 1, 2011. This letter is the official notification to AACSB that CBA is ready to prepare the final reports needed prior to an on-campus Accreditation Team visit within a year or two. This is an extremely important achievement for the SUNO business programs that were approved by the Board of Regents in 2006, and implemented in 2007. CBA will meet the June 1, 2011 deadline.

Muhammad Miah, Amaresh Das, Marjorie Fox, and Adrine

Harrell attended the AACSB Assessment Conference in Atlanta, GA from March 14 to 16, 2011. The focus of the conference was on how to assess student learning and use results of the assessment to improve the learning experience and process.

Structural work is ongoing for the new College of Business & Public Administration Building as of February 28, 2011 at SUNO's Lake Campus. The contract for the Building was awarded to Stallings Construction Co (Mike Stallings, President) on March 31, 2010, at a cost of \$3,365,400. Ground was broken on March 24, 2010. The building is to be completed by summer 2011.

CBA faculty and staff have been working very closely with furniture vendors and SUNO's Purchasing Office to identify appropriate furniture for the new CBA building.

Journal Article Published: Alijani, Ghasem; Mancuso, Louis; Kwun, Obyung; and Barika, Elizabeth. Enhancing Drugs Access in Normal and Critical Circumstances, *Academy of Health Care Management Journal*, AHCMJ Volume 6, Number 2, 2010, pp. 75-83 (Won the Distinguished Research Award)

Journal Article Accepted for Publication: Frank Martin & Marjorie Fox, Is it a recession yet? accepted by the *International Journal of Business & Economic Perspectives*, Winter 2011

Adnan Omar, Electronic Waste: A Growing Concern in Today's Environment, ac-

cepted by *Economics Research International Journal* (upcoming issue)

Published Proceeding:

Kwun, Obyung; Mancuso, Louis; and Alijani, Ghasem. Student Perceptions of Online Courses and Behavior in Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU). *Decision Sciences Institute, Southwest Region, Houston, Texas, March 11, 2011.*

Adnan Omar, Cost of Spam to academic Institutions, *Federation of Business Discipline Conference, Houston, TX, March 9-12, 2011.*

Muhammad Miah: Selecting a Good Conference Location Based on Participants' Interests, accepted for journal publication in *Information Systems Education Journal (ISEDJ)*, May 2011

Rachid Belmasrou, Muhammad Miah, Adnan Omar: A Case Study: Enhancement of Business Process Management through System Automation, *Academy of Business Research (ABR) Conference, 2011*

Conference Attendance & Paper Presentation/Discussant: Kwun, Obyung; Mancuso, Louis; and Alijani, Ghasem. Student Perceptions of Online Courses and Behavior in Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU). *Decision Sciences Institute, Southwest Region, Houston, Texas, March 11, 2011.*

Adnan Omar presented a paper entitled "Cost of Spam to academic Institutions" at the *Federation of Business Discipline conference* on March 9-12, 2011, in Houston, TX

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Dr. Adnan Omar served as a reviewer for two articles under the Association of Business Information Systems track of Federation of Business Disciplines: (1) The Role of trust in Online Community and (2) A quantitative assessment model for Business Information Systems Programs for accreditation Efforts. He also served as a reviewer for two articles under the International Journal of Business and Research: Let me in! The predictive validity of GMAT and other variables in the admission system of MBA program

James Pittman, PADM Chair, attended the 2011 American Society of Public Administration (ASPA) Conference in Baltimore, MD, from March 11-13, 2011. The focus of the conference was to explore how academics and practitioners can make a positive difference locally, nationally, and internationally in the advancement of public sector services.

Drs. Frank Martin, Igwe Udeh, and Marjorie Fox attended the New Orleans Bizcamp Conference on March 19, 2011. This informal conference is designed for young entrepreneurs and potential future business leaders to freely mingle and share ideas with current business leaders and academicians. The conference offered an opportunity for participants to share ideas for growing businesses in the community. The conference was held near the Idea Village in downtown New Orleans. Professional Outreach to Students & Community:  
Dr. Igwe E. Udeh, CBA Dean, Dr. James Pittman, PADM Chair, Dr. Frank Martin, ENTR Chair, and Ms. Tim Bailey,

Director of Student Services, travelled as part of the CBA leadership team to Southern University at Shreveport Louisiana, March 15, 2011, to meet with the SUSLA Business Division faculty to develop a program articulation curriculum

On March 30, 2011, thirteen corporate executives from various companies in the region and around the country attended SUNO's 2011 Black Executive Exchange Program (BEEP) kickoff/meet & greet reception. CBA students used the opportunity to network with attending executives and picked their brains on successful career entry and/or advancement strategies. All forty-eight students invited to the event attended. Co-Chairs of the BEEP program were Dr. Louis C. Mancuso & Mrs. Vera Aтры.

On March 31, 2011, some of the BEEP participants visited various classrooms not only in the College of Business but also in the College of Arts & Sciences to their unique story to corporate success with SUNO students primarily working class background and first-generation college attendees. BEEPers also fielded questions on topics dear to the hearts of the students. The second group of BEEPERS conducted real-life on-camera job interviews with students who had previously signed up for the experience. Participating students can get a copy of their interview session, and portions of the tape are used for classroom discussions.

On April 1, 2011, the College of Business & Public Administration (CBA) hosted its first

in-house CBA Career Fair. Several businesses and recruiters, including Rubbermaid, Hancock Bank, CIA, Wal-Mart, Walgreens, UPS, USDA, McDonald's, and Goldman-Sachs, were represented.

The CBA BEEP Program received from the Bardell Group (McDonalds) the sum of \$2,500 to support future BEEP activities. Mr. Chris Bardell, President of Bardell Group stated that the donation was an expression of his pleasure with the operation of BEEP at SUNO.

Fifteen students (15) and one honorary member were inducted into the SUNO Chapter of Sigma Beta Delta, International Honor Society in Business, Management and Administration, on March 19, 2011 at an Induction Ceremony and Banquet at the Holiday Inn Downtown Superdome, New Orleans. Mrs. Leslie Bouie, SUNO Business Administration graduate, retired Shell Oil executive, and Chairperson the Business Advisory Board for the College of Business & Public Administration was inducted as an honorary member. Officiating during the ceremony were Dr. Frank Martin, Chapter President, Dr. Louis Mancuso, Professor of Marketing, Mr. Donald Sarrat, LL.M, Professor of Business Law, and Mr. Fouad Moussa, Professor of Finance. Several CBA faculty, staff, students, and well wishers were in attendance.

Dr. Frank Martin participated in the State and Local Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Panel which certifies small businesses as disadvantaged for the City of New Orleans, the New Orleans Sewerage & Water Board, the Aviation Board, and Caesar's

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(formerly Harrah's) Casino in March 2011.

SUNO's SBDMI Secures \$150,727 Louisiana Workforce Commission Incumbent Workers Training Program Social Service Contract

The Incumbent Worker Training Program (IWPT) has been mandated by the Southern University System Board of Supervisors. SUNO applied and received funding for \$150,727. This funding is a foundational opportunity for SUNO to be involved in this Workforce Commission Initiative. This IWTP contract is designed to benefit business and industry by assisting existing employees' skill development and increasing employee productivity and company growth. Completion of this year long contract to do AS9100 Certification training for the employer will result in the creation of new jobs, retention of jobs that may otherwise may have been eliminated as well as increase in wages for the company's trained workers.

Office of Student Services (OSS) March 2011 Report: Mrs. Tim Bailey, Director of Student Services, travelled as part of the CBA leadership team to Southern University at Shreveport Louisiana, March 15, 2011, to meet with the SUSLA Business Division faculty to develop a program articulation curriculum Mrs. Tim Bailey, Director of Student Services, collaborated with CBA college leaders and SUSLA Business Division to propose possible course articulations and two plus two agreements between respective business areas

Mrs. Tim Bailey, Director of Student Services, briefed CBA faculty and sought input on course articulations at monthly CBA faculty meeting

Mrs. Tim Bailey, Director of Student Services, corresponded with graduating seniors, and all CBA students with 3.00 + GPA to encourage participation in the annual BEEP activities

Mrs. Tim Bailey, Director of Student Services, counseled with select students, particularly graduation seniors, and cohort students after mid-term grade post

Mrs. Tim Bailey, Director of Student Services, continue to collect and analyze data for use in accurately profile CBA students, particularly cohorts

School of Graduate Studies: Report of Major Graduate Studies Activities: February and March, 2011

Dr. Ira A. Neighbors, Dean of Graduate Studies

Monthly Activity Report of: Dr. Ira A. Neighbors, Dean of Graduate Studies

February 2—Deans and Directors Council

February 3—Graduate Council Meeting

February 4—Webinar Training for NASW

February 8—Submitted Student Learning Objectives

(SLO) from MSW program to Dr. Bellow

February 10—Strategic Planning Committee

February 11—Webinar Presentation for NASW

February 14—Deans and Directors Meeting

February 15—Assessment committee; Faculty Senate

February 17—SACHs Preparation meeting

February 23 to 27—attended

Conferences of the Council of Historically Black Graduate Schools & Council on Southern Graduate Schools in Huntsville, Alabama.

February 28—Deans and Directors Council Meeting

Monthly Activity Report of: Dr. Ira A. Neighbors, Dean of Graduate Studies

March 1—Powerpoint presentation for SACHs visit

March 2—Dean and Dean's Council visit with reviewer from SACHs

March 16—Meeting with Dr. Belisle regarding grants for graduate students

March 18—NABSW off campus meeting (National Conference Prep)

March 22—Faculty Senate Meeting

March 23—Dr. Hollis Art presentation

March 24—Graduation Committee Meeting; Grad Council Meeting; Strategic Planning; Social Work Honor Society—Phi Alpha

March 25—Meeting on filling Ms. Guidry's position

March 28—Faculty Senate Meeting with President Ron Mason

March 31—NABSW off campus meeting Education Committee (National Conference Prep)

School of Social Work: Report on Major School of Social Work Activities: February and March, 2011  
Dr. Beverly Favre, Dean

Julianna Padgett  
February, 2011  
Monthly Report

School Committee activity: Grievance Committee meeting – contributed to 2 appeals

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Volunteered for Recognition Day  
Research Committee

Reaccreditation Committee activity:  
Reviewed draft of Assessment section

Grant/ Research  
New Orleans Health Department. Research Consultant to Mortality Due to Complex Disasters (data analysis beginning)  
Initial recruitment at SUNO for Avondale Collaborative Project

Community Activity  
Appointment by Councilwoman Susan Guidry: District 1 Representative, Task Force on Proposed Neighborhood Participation Program, City Planning Commission

Jill Murray  
Activities Report  
February 2011

Worked on assigned projects as part of the BSW Committee  
Submitted a proposal to the National Women's Studies Association National Conference  
Submitted a proposal to the APM of CSWE  
Began a paper with a colleague at the School of Social Work  
Participated in the planning committee for the SUNO Women's Conference

Julianna Padgett  
March, 2011  
Monthly Report

School Committee activity:  
Chair, Recognition Day  
Curriculum Committee

Grant/ Research

Meeting: Avondale Collaborative Project

Community Activity  
Appointment in February by Councilwoman Susan Guidry: District 1 Representative, Task Force on Proposed Neighborhood Participation Program, City Planning Commission – has not met yet.

Boards:  
Community Mediation Service, Treasurer. Meetings / Drafted new Brochure.  
Alliance for Affordable Energy, Secretary

R. Mancoske  
Activity March 2011  
Scholarly Activities/  
Professional Development  
Book Reviews  
Journal of Community Practice "Community Assets"  
Conference/Workshop Participation

Coordinated System of Care  
Town Hall

Centanni presentation on  
Cognitive Behavioral Therapy  
Kingsley House, presentation on Photovoice (Research Methodology)

Develop Preliminary Grant  
Application (Child Crisis Services)

Reviewed for Journal of Social Work Education

Community Services  
Chair, United Way, United Way Health & Independence

Reviewed program preliminary applications

Coordinating Council, United Way

Volunteer Consultant, NO/AIDS Task Force, Housing  
Volunteer Consultant, USL  
Social Work Program, Accreditation

Avondale Workers Research Team

Jill Murray

Monthly Activities Report  
March 2011

Participated in HIV Red Umbrella March  
Prepared for CSWE Reaffirmation Site Visit – Dalton State University  
Participated in BSW Committee Meetings  
Participated in Awards and Recognition Committee Meetings

School of Social Work:  
Consultant – Dr. Dean Pierce provided service to the School by reviewing narratives written by faculty and providing feedback to faculty members. Each faculty member and staff was responsible for a certain section of the "self study". Document has been prepared and submitted to the CSWE. Documents included 1) SUNO catalog; 2) SUNO Student handbook; 3) school of Social Work BSW program self study; 4) School of Social Work MSW program Self Study; 5) School of Social Work Student Handbook; 6) School of Social Work MSW Field Manual; 7) School of Social Work BSW Field Manual; 8) School of Social Work BSW & MSW Syllabi; 9) School of Social Work Faculty CV(s).

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER



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THE CHANCELLOR'S REPORT  
TO THE  
SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF  
SUPERVISORS

April, 2011

*The Chancellor's Report to the  
Southern University Board of Supervisors*

**NAME OF CHANCELLOR:** *FREDDIE PITCHER, JR.*

**CAMPUS:** *SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER*

**DATE:** *APRIL, 2011*

**SIGNIFICANT EVENTS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- *No. 1 in "Law Degrees with Most Value at Graduation"*
- *No. 4 in "Most Popular" Law School, behind Yale, BYU, and Harvard*
- *No. 7 (tied) in Diversity Index*

*---U.S. News & World Report*

- *A+ in Diversity*

*---the National Jurist Magazine*

- *No. 3 for the "Most Diverse Faculty"*
- *No. 5 as the "Best Environment for Minority Students"*

*---Princeton Review's The Best 172 Law  
Schools (2011 Edition)*

***Importance of Mission is Clear***

*Our stock is rising," said Chancellor Pitcher on review of these latest national rankings, coupled with the recent admission of the Law Center to the prestigious Association of American Law Schools. Reflecting on our No. 1 rating in "law degrees with the most value at graduation," Chancellor Pitcher further said, "Data from our Office of Career Counseling and Development reveal that SULC is ranked #47 nationwide in percentage of students employed at graduation over the last 6 years. That is higher than any other Louisiana school (Tulane is #52, LSU is # 64, and Loyola is #95). Pair that with our national employment base and the high 'big law firm' salaries, it is no wonder that we rank so highly in this statistic."*

*In an analysis of yield--the percentage of students accepted by a school who opt to attend that school--SULC ranked No. 4. The 190 law schools surveyed by U.S News reported both acceptance and enrollment data for the class beginning in the 2010 academic year. The average yield among all these schools was 30.2 percent, according to the publication's calculations. The top 10 most popular law schools were well above this average. SULC's yield was 61.5 percent, with 520 applicants accepting and 320 enrolling.*

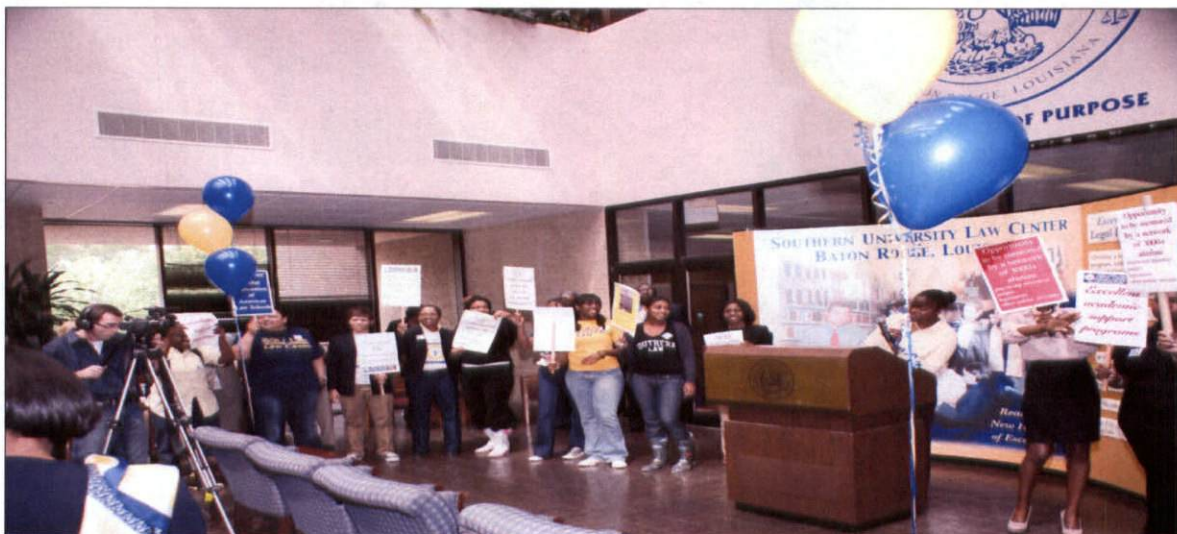
*SULC joins Yale Law School, #1, Brigham Young University Clark Law School, #2, and Harvard Law School in the #3 spot. North Carolina Central University School of Law was the only other historically black institution (HBCU) ranked, at the #9 spot.*

*"The data suggest that mission may matter more than typical measures of prestige," according to the March 28, 2011, issue of Inside Higher Ed. "Our mission of access and opportunity has always been the cornerstone of our program of legal education, and this recognition is a clear indication that mission really means something!" SULC Chancellor Freddie Pitcher said.*

*The link to the article, "10 Most Popular Law Schools," is <http://www.usnews.com/education/best-graduate-schools/top-law-schools/articles/2011/03/24/10-most-popular-schools>.*

*The link for the website for "Law Schools with Most Value at Graduation is: <http://www.USNews.com/education/best-graduate-schools/top-law-schools/articles/2011/03/29/10-law-degrees-with-most-financial-value-at-graduation>.*

### ***Enthusiastic Response Given to President's Message at SOS Rally at SULC***





*More than 50 participants in the March 30 Support Our Southern Rally in the SULC Atrium gave an enthusiastic response to an address by SU System President Ronald Mason, Jr., on the need for continuation of America's only historically black university system.*

*The rally, held during the spring convocation and co-sponsored by the Louis A. Martinet Society of Greater Baton Rouge, provided the opportunity for the President's first formal address at SULC and for announcements of the latest SULC achievements and student scholarship awards.*

*During the half-hour noon event, President Mason spoke of the political goings on regarding the SU System, how they could affect the Law Center, and what the SOS campaign is about.*

*Previous deep budget cuts to Southern, the proposed consolidation of Southern University at New Orleans with the University of New Orleans, as well as a behind-the-scenes move to transfer Southern University at Shreveport to the Louisiana Community and Technical College System, could all result in there no longer being a Southern University System, he said.*

*Despite the recent accomplishments of the Law Center, Mason noted, all Southern campuses, including the Law Center, can be negatively affected by the breakup of the SU System. Additionally, the President said the State of Louisiana and the country would be negatively impacted by such separations because there is economic value in Southern and other HBCUs. While Louisiana is struggling with economic development and growing a strong workforce, "about 75 percent of its prison population is black and particularly black males," he said.*

*Enhancing the state's historically black colleges so they can continue turning young black citizens into educated workers, who are contributing to society, would be a good "business decision," Mason said. "Because that's what HBCUs have done and do best," he added.*

*The President challenged members of the SULC family of students, faculty, staff, alumni, and other supporters to take up the charge to keep the Southern University System viable and strong for current and future generations.*

*Chancellor Pitcher announced recent Law Center accomplishments that reiterate the value of Southern and what makes it worthy of support. "Our stock is definitely rising and rising very high," Pitcher said.*

*SULC became the second HBCU to obtain membership in the Association of American Law School in January. The Law Center recently achieved U.S. News and World Report national rankings as No. 1 in "law degrees with most value at graduation," No. 4 in "most popular" law school behind Yale, BYU, and Harvard; and tied at the No. 7 spot in its diversity index. National Jurist Magazine graded SULC A+ in Diversity. Vice Chancellor Russell Jones has been named the Louisiana Bar Foundation's Distinguished Professor of the Year.*

*During the event, Professor Tom Richard presented the Charlotte & Herschel Richard Scholarships to Christopher Dassau, Cynthia Schwartz, and Stacey Smith. Adjunct Professor Michael Rubin of the McGlinchey, Stafford Law Firm presented the Judge Alvin Rubin Scholarships to Karnina Dargin, Shahab A. Sheukh, and Kelly A. Foster.*



### *Alumni Support Efforts*

*Alumni joined the Chancellor at the March 30 Support Our Southern (SOS) Rally. Seated from left are Ebony Townsend, Chancellor Pitcher, and Erin Monroe-Wesley. Standing from left are Alvin Washington, Judge John Michael Guidry, Alfreda Bester, Edward “Ted” James, and Shawn Vance. The event was co-sponsored by the Louis A. Martinet Society of Greater Baton Rouge.*

### *First Circuit Court Visits the Law Center*

*More than 400 law students witnessed oral arguments heard by the First Circuit Court of Appeal in the SULC Moot Courtroom on March 29. The three-judge appellate panel included Judges Randy Parro, John Michael Guidry and Jeff Hughes.*



## 2011 Journal Symposium Explored Expropriation and Property Rights

*We're Taking Your Property: Expropriation and Property Rights,"* was the title of the Second Annual Symposium of the Journal of Race, Gender, and Poverty on Thursday, March 17, in Lenoir Hall.

*Academicians, legal practitioners, law students, community organizers, and activists shared in groundbreaking legal scholarship at this free forum.*



*Forum Participants Pictured from left are:*

*Nicholas Giles, JRGP Symposium Editor; Attorney Gary Bledsoe, President of the NAACP in Texas; Professor Thomas Mitchell, University of Wisconsin Law School; Attorney Savi Horne, Executive Director of Land Loss Protection Project; Morgan Lamandre, JRGP Editor-in-Chief; SULC Chancellor Freddie Pitcher, Jr.; Frank Taylor, President of Winston County Self Help Cooperative; and Attorney Chris Brook, Southern Coalition for Social Justice. Other guest speakers not pictured were Professor David T. Beito, University of Alabama; Chancellor Emeritus John Costonis, LSU's Paul M. Hebert Law Center; and David A. Marcello, Executive Director, The Public Law Center and Professor Malcolm A. Myers, Sr., both of Tulane University School of Law.*

## **ACADEMIC SUPPORT PROGRAMS AND ACADEMIC COUNSELING**

*The office continued to provide academic assistance sessions through tutorial hours in individual sessions and analytical workshops. Assistance sessions include course outlining, study techniques, time management and exam writing strategies. Students were also counseled and advised regarding summer course selections.*

*Spring final examination schedules were also prepared for students with disabilities.*

### **OFFICE OF CAREER COUNSELING AND DEVELOPMENT**

*Coast Guard JAG: Captain John Capps presented an information session to students about opportunities in the U.S. Coast Guard JAG Corps on March 31.*

### **OFFICE OF PUBLICATIONS AND ELECTRONIC MEDIA**

*The staff of the Office of Publications and Electronic Media produced four issues of SULC E-News; the Spring 2011 Convocation/SOS Invitations; Spring 2011 Convocation/SOS Posters; SULC Alumni Judicial Wall of Fame Announcement; 2011 Alumni Hall of Fame Program, 2011 Alumni Hall of Fame Posters; and 2011 Distinguished Alumni Posters.*

*Seven news releases were distributed during the month.*

*The Office of Development welcomed a part-time development officer, Tavares Walker, a 2008 SULC graduate. The Annual Fund Coordinator secured \$27,000 in sponsorships for the 2011 Alumni Round-up; nine judges for participation in the alumni Judicial Wall of Fame; and received \$20 for contribution generated by distribution of the Taking A Seat for Justice Documentary DVDs.*

### **ALUMNI NEWS**

*Tavares A. Walker, '08, has joined the SULC staff as a career counselor in the Office of Career Counseling and Development and part-time development officer.*

*Walker, a native of Donaldsonville, Louisiana, formerly served on the legal staff of Acadiana Legal Service Corporation, the 17<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court Indigent Defender's Office, the Louisiana State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, and has maintained a private civil litigation practice. He earned a B.A. from LSU in August 2005.*

#### **Special Problems**

*None*

#### **Significant Administrative or Policy Changes**

*None*

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# Small Farmer Agricultural Leadership Class Graduates

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The Southern University Ag Center held a graduation ceremony for the Small Farmer Agricultural Leadership Institute at USDA's Jamie L. Whitten building in Washington, DC on March 24.

The Class III graduation ceremony was a very special event because it represented the culmination of many people's efforts to accomplish the task of taking small farmers and helping them become small farm advocates and agricultural leaders and more successful agricultural business men and women. "What an amazing journey the small farmers took to arrive at that day," said Zanetta Augustine, Extension Associate.

The journey began in October of 2009, and after more than 200 hours of class room instruction and outdoor experiences, it ended in this joyous occasion.

Dr. Leodrey Williams, Chancellor and Dr. Gina Eubanks, Vice Chancellor for Extension of the Southern

University Ag Center were among the special guests that made this event special for our graduates. The ceremony began with a welcome from Dr. Joe Leonard, Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, USDA and a Southern University graduate. Mr. Anderson Neal, Acting Director for the Office of Advocacy and Outreach, USDA gave the keynote address and challenge to the graduates. Following the graduation ceremony was a networking reception with the USDA agencies.



**Class III and Leadership Team**

Class III consisted of 31 small farmers from 13 states in the southeast region of the United States. The Institute is a competitive program, and participating members were recommended, screened and approved by a panel of extension agents, agricultural professionals

and agricultural community leaders. Each participant in the program was selected based on expressed thirst for knowledge, dedication and commitment to enhancing their community, and potential to promote the sustainability of small family farms. A 2011 graduate, Brennan Washington stated that "*The institute forced many of us to look at our lives and step outside our comfort zones. And by doing so, many of us accomplished things we would not have thought possible prior to our involvement in the institute.*"

"It was truly an awesome experience. I am so proud to have had the opportunity to work with such a fine group of farmers," said Dr. Mellion-Patin.

The overall goal of the Leadership Institute is to promote the sustainability of small family farms through enhanced business management skills and leadership development.

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## Leadership Class Graduates contd.

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The Institute is conducted by the Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center in collaboration with the Southern University Law Center, Prairie View A&M University – Cooperative Extension Program, North Carolina A&T State University – Cooperative Extension Program, USDA, and Kentucky State University.

To date, approximately 80 small farmers have graduated from this program from the following states: Oklahoma, Mississippi, Texas, Florida, South Carolina, North Carolina, Louisiana, Kentucky, Arkansas, Maryland, Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee and Missouri. This project is supported by the Outreach and Assistance for Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers

Competitive Grants Program of the National Institute of Food and Agriculture, USDA, Grant # 2009-00822.

## SU Ag Center Holds 17<sup>th</sup> Annual FFA Career Development Event

This year, the Southern University and A&M College held the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Area IV Future Farmers of America (FFA) Career Development Event (CDE) on March 23.

This event brings together 1,100 students from 50 high schools and 25 surrounding parishes, not including teachers and parents who provide assistants each year. The CDE consists of ten judging contests: Livestock, Beef, Floriculture, Dairy Cattle, Welding, Small Engine, Meats, Poultry, Nursery & Landscaping and Dairy Products. This event develops students' leadership ability; provides them with the opportunity to visit an 1890 Land Grant Institution and enlightens them on issues that impact agriculture in the state of Louisiana.

The CDE's competitions were rewarded with outstanding results. In the Dairy Foods category, Central Lafourche claimed first place and Chelsey Sloan of Springfield Blue held the High Individual score. In Electricity, first place went to Colby Thompson of Frank-

linton. Franklinton Blue placed first in Small Engines, while Dylan Schexnayder, St. Amant Gold took top High Assembly position and Kyle Creel, Franklinton Blue soared High in Troubleshooting. Thibodaux came in first in the Livestock category with Chris Moore of Central Lafourche as High scoring Individual. In Floriculture, Walker Blue placed first, Top Middle position was Fifth Ward Blue, and High Individual was Victoria Arledge of Walker's Blue team. The first place went to Springfield Blue in Nursery/Landscape, Fifth Ward Blue took Top Middle position and Rob Winn, of Springfield Blue took home the High Individual score. In the meats category, first place went to Central Lafourche Blue, Top Middle went to Raceland Middle and Emily Pontiff of Central Lafourche Blue ranked as High Individual. The Poultry contest concluded with Springfield Blue in first place, Fifth Ward Junior in Top Middle and Cody Scott of Springfield Blue ranked as High Individual.



**Students engage in poultry judging contest**

The event took place at M.A. Edmond Livestock Arena, Highway 61N in Alsen, LA and Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center Meat Technology Lab in Baton Rouge.

Willie Rawls, Associate Research Director and William Augustine, Research Associate/Technology Support coordinate the annual event.

## **Louisiana Small Farmers Graduate in Baton Rouge**

The Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center hosted the Louisiana Small Farmer Conference, March 17-19 in Baton Rouge. The theme for this event was, "Sustaining Louisiana's Small Family Farms." This conference was enlightening, informative and designed to educate and expand the awareness of educational opportunities, USDA programs and services, and other resources which help small farmers stay in business. The overall goal of the conference was to provide an opportunity for Louisiana's small agricultural producers to come together and share strategies as well as be informed about the latest educational tools and resources which could impact the survival of their agricultural businesses. The conference targeted small and beginning farmers, agricultural business owners, community-based, and nonprofit organizations.

During the opening session, SU Ag Center Chancellor Leodrey Williams, extended a warm welcome to participants and in conclusion said, "If we don't do anything to help others, we have not done much at all," referring to outreach activities to the larger community. The commissioner of Agriculture & Forestry Mike Strain, DVM was on hand to welcome conference attendees from across Louisiana. He stated that, with the push for alternative energy, great benefits await farmers and emphasized the importance of "preserving, protecting and keeping our farmlands."

Also to address the audience was Ms. Cathea Simelton, Interim National Program Leader, Small and Beginning Farmer and Rancher Program, USDA, Office of Advocacy and Outreach, Washington, DC. Simelton assured the participants that her office "understands the obstacles small farmers face," and is ready and willing to help them succeed.



**Project Director, Dawn Mellion-Patin**

The conference started with a tour of the Perkins' organic farm in Port Hudson, the Jones' goat farm in Zachary and the Muhaimins' poultry farm in Zachary. The second day of the conference involved intense sessions with topics including challenges to sustaining Louisiana small farms, young agricultural program, establishing a farm plan for new and existing farmers, marketing and legal issues.

The conference culminated on Saturday morning with a graduation for the first class of small farmers who participated in the Louisiana Small Farmer Agricultural Leadership Institute. These eleven distinguished honorees from six parishes successfully completed a 75-

hour training program focusing on leadership development and business management.

Chancellor Williams summed it all up when he said "I am proud of you, the students, teachers, staff, retirees, and everyone who has supported this conference."



**Pictured from left to right: Chancellor Leodrey Williams, Terry Washington, Boatner Ware, Cleophus Payne, Keith LeDay, Mary Hollingsworth, Willie Hollingsworth, Phyllis Washington, Wilmer Magee, Mary Irvin, Raymond Cassimere, Algy Irvin, Vice Chancellor Gina E. Eubanks and Project Director, Dawn Mellion Patin.**

"Congratulations to the graduates," said Dr. Dawn Mellion-Patin, Director and Chair of conference committee.



## 4-H Leadership Conference Inspires Youth

The 4-H Junior Leadership Conference provides opportunity for a diverse group of youth who are currently engaged in significant leadership and/or service-learning activities to come together for further learning and development of their leadership and teamwork skills. The educational objective of the conference is to increase the leadership skills and knowledge of youth across Louisiana. The conference features a variety of workshops focused on leadership development, communication, teamwork, service-learning, youth-adult partnerships and time management. A key element of the Louisiana 4-H Junior Leadership Conference is a youth-driven focus. Youth decide what's offered, preside over the ses-

sions and teach all the educational workshops.

At the conference, youth participants are not only learning about leadership, they are practicing it.



St. Helen Parish participants

This year, a total of nine youth from St. Helena Parish participated in this event: Samuel Richardson, Darrell Griffin, Nekia Coleman, Chiquenna Gordon, Jasmine Spain, Melanie Carter, Lajarious Floyd, Trent Tanner, and Shaletia Landry.

Youth participated in such tracks as S.E.T., Service Learning, and Leadership.

Angela Myles, Southern University Ag Center Youth Development Agent for St. Helena and Tangipahoa Parishes coordinated the event.

## Stronger Economies Together Gains Strength

Stronger Economies Together (SET) represents an exciting initiative launched in 2009 by USDA Rural Development in collaboration with the nation's Regional Rural Development Centers and their land-grant university partners. The purpose of SET is to strengthen the capacity of communities/counties in rural America to work together in developing and implementing an economic development blueprint that strategically builds on the current and emerging economic strengths of their region. Phase I pilot efforts are in place in 23 multi-county regions located in nine states: Arkansas, Arizona, Kentucky, Louisi-

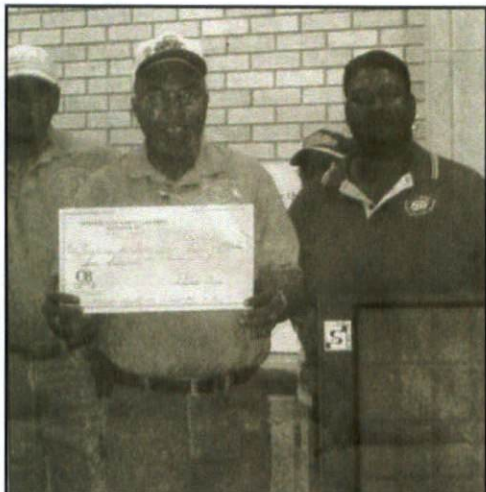
ana, Missouri, New Mexico, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia. Beginning in 2011, SET is expanding to 11 new states as part of Phase II including Alabama, Colorado, Indiana, Michigan, Mississippi, New Hampshire, New York, Texas, Utah, Vermont, and Washington.

**Kenyetta Nelson-Smith** coordinates this program at the Southern University Ag Center. On April 14, a SET training session will be held at the Baton Rouge Area Foundation, 402 N. Foster St., Baton Rouge, and on May 12 in East Feliciana Parish. Contact: Kenyetta Nelson-Smith, (225) 771-2242 ext. 315.

**Glenn Dixon** leads the SET training effort for the Acadiana Region of Louisiana. This SET region consists of four parishes serviced by the Southern University Southwest Center for Rural Initiatives in Opelousas where team members meet monthly.

## Morehouse Black Farmers Hold Successful Annual Meeting

At the Morehouse Black Farmers/Landowners Association growers' meeting, Antwain Downs, farmer and member of the club, was presented a check for \$2,500 from Monsanto, Inc.



Antwain Downs, center, holds a check that he presented to the Morehouse Parish Southern University Alumni Chapter.

In 2002, a group of black farmers in Morehouse Parish organized what is now known as the Morehouse Black Farmers/Landowners Association. This group of 14 men meets once a month to discuss what is happening in the world of agriculture.

Odis Hill, member and agent with the SU Ag Center, stated that "they help each other out." They examine new programs, share marketing information. Most of the members grow row crops like cotton, corn and soybeans with a few beef cattle farmers in the midst. The association also works with young people by encouraging them to undertake gardening. The group holds two events every year – a growers' meeting and a farm tour.

The Morehouse Black Farmers, Landowners Association in conjunction with the Southern University Ag Center held the annual growers' meeting at the LSU Ag-Center in February. Students from the 4-H Club at Delta Junior High and the Food Service class at Bastrop Schools were invited. Several guest speakers and friends of the farmers were also present.

Renita Marshall, DVM, Southern Ag Center; Nathan Crisp, USDA/Agriculture Statistic Services; and Lee Jones with USDA/Rural Development spoke about the importance of, and opportunities in agriculture.

Presentations were made by Monsanto and other agencies. Odis Hill, Assistant Area Agent, Morehouse/Union Parishes and event coordinator was honored with a plaque.



Odis Hill, left, receives plaque

The *Bastrop Daily Enterprise* carried an article entitled: "Helping each other is the motto for the Morehouse Black Farmers, Landowners" in its February 23 issue.

Photos courtesy of the *Bastrop Daily Enterprise*.

## Agent Tackles Recycling Issue

Katherine Ervin, SU Ag Center Parent Educator, Bossier Parish, taught parents how to recycle by using Kool-aide pouches to make little girls' handbags and Easter baskets from scratch. Ervin noted that parents are always looking for new ideas and ways to help them continue making smart choices for their families or place a simple smile on their children's faces.



Parent, right, holds up finished product in recycling class

“One man’s trash is another man’s treasure,” said Ervin. Many parents and individuals look for new ideas to help stretch the family dollar and sewing is a great way to save money.

## Parish Agent Provides Training on Pesticide Application

Agent Glenn Dixon, East and West Carroll Parishes, provides training for area producers needing to become private pesticide applicators. He educates pesticide applicators and users in Northeast Louisiana about integrated pest management strategies, including the safe, proper, and legal use of pesticides.



Pesticide application training session

The program promotes responsible decision-making, which will protect pesticide users, public health, plant and animal health, and the environment. In March, more than 26 producers either recertified or tested for certification with the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry.

**FACULTY AND STAFF ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND ACTIVITIES**

**Scientist Receives International Award, Serves on USDA Committee, Named YMCA Woman of Achievement**



**Dr. Malekian**

Fatemeh Malekian, Associate Professor - Food Science and Nutrition, recently received the Elizabeth Fleming Steir Award. This award is given every two years to honor a member of the Institute of Food Technologists (IFT). The award is in recognition of the pursuit of humanitarian ideals and unselfish dedication that has resulted in significant contributions to the well-being of the food industry, academia, students, or the general public. Examples of such activities include: academic advis-

ing or mentoring; service to IFT or the industry, institutions, governments, or public; service to groups or individuals in need, such as working in hunger alleviation programs or in the delivery of education to persons without other means of acquiring it. Members come from virtually every discipline related to food science and technology, and from more than 100 countries around the world.

To read more about IFT, please visit: <http://www.ift.org/>

**Selected to Serve on USDA Committee**

Fatemeh Malekian has been selected to serve on the National Institute of Food and Agriculture's (NIFA) professional development sub-committee. The goal of the committee is to work with NIFA in assisting Human and Nutrition state specialists, county agents

and staff in the use of new technologies as tools for professional development. To make this a feasible objective, the focus will be tackling one technology at a time. Sub-committee members will identify and contact states to determine who has already mastered

the technology. Using their input, the sub-committees will provide the Human and Nutrition NIFA program leaders with the necessary information on needed activities, tools, and so forth.

**Named YWCA Woman of Achievement**

In Baton Rouge, Malekian was named YWCA Woman of Achievement; served as lieutenant governor for Kiwanis International; and received the Polaris Award for her significant strides in promoting the growth and development of a

diverse and unified community. Currently, she serves on the Board for Capital Area Family Violence Intervention Center (Battered Women). Fatemeh Malekian has committed her life, energy, focused research, professional develop-

ment, and vocational interests not only to her family, but also to the improvement of health as impacted by nutrition and a safe food supply.

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND ACTIVITIES contd.

### SU Ag Center Strengthens St. Landry Town, Brings Home Regional Award

The town of Washington in St. Landry Parish is one of the poorest places in one of the poorest counties in the nation. The median household income per US Census is \$14,731. This is extremely low when compared to \$34,559 for St. Landry Parish, \$44,492 for the state of Louisiana and \$52,029 for the United States. With statistics such as this, the Town of Washington was selected to participate in the pilot program entitled, "Turning the Tide on Poverty." This program aims to involve a range of community members in seeking a "place-based" solution to poverty grounded in local talents and concerns, and led by local voices.

The process began last year with a five-week process in which community members explored and discussed ways to find real, workable solutions to the root causes of poverty in their community. It also looked at short term ways to help those most in need.

A resolution for the Turning the Tide on Poverty Project was created and presented to the Town Council in late March. The resolution outlines the origin and the vision for the community-run nursery for the Town of Washington. It was unanimously adopted.

The project team's action vision is a community-run nursery along with allied neighborhood gardens to pro-



**Turning the Tide on Poverty Team Meets in Washington**

duce and sell Louisiana native plants. This project has the potential to provide jobs and income, encourage beautification, and bring the community together for a common cause. It could also be integrated into the local elementary school to teach students gardening skills, good banking habits, and the importance of giving back to the community. This endeavor could also enhance tourism and business trade already established in the historic community.

Latonia Morrison-Frank showcased the work done on Turning the Tide on Poverty Project in the town of Washington at Southern Regional Development Center's Board and Advisory Committee meeting in Starkville, MS. The Team received the regional award for the southern region at the 2011 National Association of Community

Extension Professionals conference held in March.

"The Washington team is very excited about their latest accomplishments and the support they are receiving from their Town Council. They are moving towards making their vision a reality," said Latonia.

The town of Washington is one of two pilot sites participating in the "Turning the Tide on Poverty Project" in the state of Louisiana. The project is being conducted in five states—Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi and Oklahoma. The project partners are Southern Rural Development Center/Mississippi State University, Everyday Democracy, Farm Foundation, Kettering Foundation and the five State Teams. The Louisiana State Team is Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center and its Southwest Center for Rural Initiatives and the Louisiana State University AgCenter. To read more about Turning the Tide on Poverty, visit <http://srdc.msstate.edu/tide>.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND ACTIVITIES contd.

**Mila Berhane**, senior research associate, presented the plant science booth entitled: "Plant a seed and see it grow," as part of the youth tours during the recent Livestock Show. The goal was to demonstrate to children how to recycle while growing a plant. Children were provided with recycled pots, made of old newspaper and filled with soil in which they planted edible sunflowers seeds. Members of the AKA sorority volunteered to work in this booth.



Students learn how to plant sunflower seeds

More than 500 children participated in the activity throughout the day.

Berhane also coordinated the Floriculture and Nursery/Landscape contests during the recent annual Area IV FFA event. General knowledge test and plant identification are part of these contests. More than 200 students participated in both contests.

**Katherine Ervin**, agent, Bossier Parish, collaborates with the North Western Regional Re-entry Program where she teaches a budgeting class to 45 inmates on how to define key terms used in personal banking; develop a

budget; make decisions necessary to achieve a balance; and develop a financial plan for future and personal goals.

She continues to work with staff at Caddo Correctional Center where she attended the first An-

nual Volunteer Appreciation Ceremony to show her commitment in making a difference in the lives of many incarcerated individuals.

**Sarah Sims**, agent, Madison Parish, coordinated several activities in March including bringing two youth participants from Madison Parish to the SU Ag Center Livestock Show in Baton Rouge. One of the youth placed 1<sup>st</sup> in Market Steer and won Louisiana Breed Market Steer competition. A total of five youth and six adults attended and participated in the Show.

She also brought two farmers to the three-day SU Ag Center Small

Farmers' Conference and Tour held in Baton Rouge.

Sims continues to coordinate the Youth Garden Project in Madison schools. More than 90 youth received cabbage seedlings from Bonnie Farms Cabbage program, and were trained on how to transplant the cabbage and grow their own plants. Each student received a cabbage plant to take home and grow. Students will enter the cabbage contest to be held in May.



Students take home cabbage for planting

**ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND ACTIVITIES contd.**

When Madison Parish High School in Tallulah called on the SU Ag Center for assistance in a football field renovation endeavor, agents **Glenn Dixon and Sara Sims** responded. The request was made after visiting a previous renovation led by an Ag Center demonstration conducted by Dixon.

The agents will work with the school by making recommendations to produce a safe playing surface for their student athletes. Dixon and Sims will provide information and direction for pest management and cultural practices needed to produce high quality turf at Madison Parish High

School in time for the 2011 football season.

**Fatemeh Malekian** presented at the EFNEP, FNP, FF\_NEWS Bi-Annual Nutrition Educators' Conference at LSU Lod Cook Conference Center on March 15. Her presentation was entitled "Oil spill Response: Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center."

**Fatemeh Malekian**, Associate Professor - Food Science and Nutrition; **Margarita Khachatryan**, Research Associate; **Curtis Chisley**, Meat Specialist; and **Albert Howard**, Meat Plant Manager, conducted a consumer acceptability test on goat meat/rice bran sausage products in the SU Ag Center's metabolic kitchen on March 25.



Meat tasting team prepares samples. Left-right: Margarita, Curtis, Fatemeh and Albert



Panelist tastes sausage products

The test is part of a USDA funded project entitled "Nutritional Content, Antioxidant Activity and Microbiological Safety of Goat Meat and Value-Added Goat Meat Products." Thirty-three students, faculty and staff participated in the tasting-testing panel.

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## *Upcoming Events*

**April 8-10**, 41st Annual State and Regional Horse Show, M.A. Edmond Livestock Show Arena, Baton Rouge.  
Contact: Christie Monroe, 225-771-2242

**April 12**, parenting class on Family Stress - La JET, Baton Rouge. Contact: Delores Johnson, (225) 771-2242 ext. 237

**April 19**, parenting class on Family Stress - La JET, Baton Rouge. Contact: Delores Johnson, (225) 771-2242 ext. 237

**April 22**, parenting class on Family Stress - La JET, Baton Rouge. Contact: Delores Johnson, (225) 771-2242 ext. 237

**April 30**, 6th Annual Goat Field Day, SU Ag Center, Baton Rouge. Contact: Lisa Gray, Research Associate, (225) 771-2242 ext. 316

**April 14**, Stronger Economies Together (SET) training, Baton Rouge Area Foundation, 402 N. Foster St., Baton Rouge. Contact: Kenyetta Nelson-Smith, (225) 771-2242 ext. 315

**May 3**, parenting class on Family Stress - La JET, Baton Rouge. Contact: Delores Johnson, (225) 771-2242 ext. 237

**May 10**, parenting class on Family Stress - La JET, Baton Rouge. Contact: Delores Johnson, (225) 771-2242 ext. 237

**May 17**, parenting class on Family Stress - La JET, Baton Rouge. Contact: Delores Johnson, (225) 771-2242 ext. 237

**May 12**, Stronger Economies Together (SET) training, East Feliciana Parish. Contact: Kenyetta Nelson-Smith, (225) 771-2242 ext. 315

**May 24**, parenting class on Family Stress - La JET, Baton Rouge. Contact: Delores Johnson, (225) 771-2242 ext. 237

**May 31**, parenting class on Family Stress - La JET, Baton Rouge. Contact: Delores Johnson, (225) 771-2242 ext. 237

**June 16-18**, Family & Youth Exposition, Southern University Ag Center, Ashford O. Williams Hall, Baton Rouge, LA. Contact: Wanda Burke (225)-771-2242 ext 325