

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

(Following the Student Affairs Committee)

Friday, August 26, 2011

Southern University Metro Center

610 Texas Street

Shreveport, Louisiana

AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Invocation
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of the Agenda
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 - B. Committee Reports and Recommendations
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SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Friday, July 22, 2011
2nd 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 Chairman, Mr. Darren G. Mire. The invocation was given by Atty. Jefferson.

PRESENT

Mr. Darren G. Mire – Chair
Atty. Murphy F. Bell, Jr. – Vice Chair
Mr. Patrick W. Bell
Mr. Calvin W. Braxton, Sr.
Atty. Tony W. Clayton
Atty. Walter C. Dumas
Atty. Warren A. Forstall
Atty. Randal L. Gaines
Mr. Willie E. Hendricks
Atty. Patrick O. Jefferson
Mr. Myron K. Lawson
Atty. Patrick D. Magee
Mrs. Ann A. Smith
Mr. Demetrius Sumner, Student Member

ABSENT

Dr. Eamon M. Kelly
Rev. Samuel C. Tolbert

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), Freddie Pitcher (SULC),
James Llorens (SUBR), Victor Ukpole (SUNO), and
Leodrey Williams (SUAREC)

BOARD COUNSEL

Attys. Winston DeCuir, Jr., and Tracie Woods

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4: SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Former Board Members Lea Montgomery and Achilles Williams were recognized for their services and presented tokens of appreciation from the Board and the Campuses. Mrs. Montgomery and Mr. Williams expressed their gratitude for having had an opportunity to serve on the Board of Supervisors.

Chairman Mire introduced to the Board Dr. Victor Mbarika, Director of the Southern University International Center for Information Technology and Development.

Dr. Mbarika provided an overview of the Center's function and introduced two students who were affiliated with the Center.

A full report on the Center will be given to the Board at its September meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 5: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 6: ACTION ITEMS

A. Minutes of the June 24, 2011 regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors

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

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the minutes of the June 24, 2011 regular meeting of the Board be and they are hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

B. Committee Reports and Recommendations

On motion of Mr. Bell, seconded by Atty. Jefferson, the following resolutions were approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

Academic Affairs Committee

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee, that the promotion of Ms. Rose Powell to the rank of Associate Professor, with tenure, at Southern University – Shreveport be and it is hereby approved.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee that the Chancellor of Southern University – Shreveport be and he is hereby authorized to approve, sign and enter into contracts and other agreements on behalf of Southern University – Shreveport with the City of Shreveport, to be handled through Southern University – Shreveport Division of Community Outreach to provide services for workforce development and training, community outreach and economic development and other projects and to do all things necessary to insure fulfillment of said agreements and contract that he so executes.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee, that the Chancellor of Southern University at Shreveport be and be is hereby authorized to approve, sign and enter into contracts and other agreements on behalf of Southern University – Shreveport with the Louisiana Department of Education (LA-DOE-Jobs for America’s Graduates (JAG-LA) Program), to be handled through SUSLA’s Division of Community Outreach and Workforce Development, to provide services for workforce development and training, community outreach, and economic development and other projects and to all things necessary to insure fulfillment of said agreements and contracts that he so executes.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee, that the Chancellor of Southern University at Shreveport be and he is hereby authorized to approve, sign and enter into contracts and other agreements on behalf of the University with the Louisiana Community and Technical College System (LCTCS), to be handled through SUSLA's Division of Community Outreach and Workforce Development, to provide services for workforce development and training, community outreach and economic development and other projects and to do all things necessary to insure fulfillment of said agreements and contracts that he so executes.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee, that the Memorandum of Understanding between Southern University at Shreveport and Grambling State University for Military Science courses for Reserve Officers Training Corp (ROTC) be and it is hereby approved.

Athletic Committee

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Athletics Committee, that the Committee's report be and it is hereby received.

The Committee's report contained an overview from the Administration on the advantages of SWAC Membership to Southern University – Baton Rouge.

Finance and Audit Committee

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Finance and Audit Committee, that BA-7 #4 be and it is hereby approved.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the administration's submission of the document to the LA Office of Planning and Budgeting to meet the required deadline date be and it is hereby ratified.

Informational Item – Report on the 2011-2012 Operating Budget for Southern University – Baton Rouge.

AGENDA ITEM 6C: RESOLUTIONS

On motion of Atty. Bell, seconded by Atty. Mage, the following commendations and condolences were approved:

Motion carried unanimously.

Commendations

- Doyle Anthony Fontenot, former SUBR student on his promotion to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the United States Army on July 1
- Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius White of Alexandria, 55-year SUBR alumni
- Dr. Cheryl Taylor, Director of the Office of Nursing Research, on being selected as a Fellow in the American Academy of Nurses.
- Lt. Dominique Jackson, ROTC instructor at SUBR, on being one of three ROTC instructors chosen to receive the Col. Leo A. Codd Award

Condolences

- The Nicholas Augustus Family
- The Ralph Tyson Family
- The Patricia Batiste – Brown Family
- The Julian T. White Family

AGENDA ITEM 7: INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

System and Campus updates were presented by the System President and Chancellors. Details of their reports are on file

AGENDA ITEM 8: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 9: ADJOURNMENT

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

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ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
10:00 a.m.
Friday, July 22, 2011
2nd 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. Jefferson.

PRESENT

Atty. Patrick O. Jefferson - Chair
Mr. Calvin W. Braxton, Sr.
Mr. Willie Hendricks
Mrs. Ann A. Smith
Mr. Darren G. Mire, Ex Officio

ABSENT

Dr. Eamon M. Kelly – Vice Chair
Rev. Samuel C. Tolbert

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AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

On motion of Mr. Hendricks, seconded by Mr. Braxton, the agenda was adopted, as printed.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEMS

A. Promotion and Tenure Recommendation, SUSLA

On motion of Mr. Braxton, seconded by Mr. Hendricks, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, the promotion of Ms. Rose Powell to the rank of Associate Professor, with tenure, at Southern University - Shreveport.

Motion carried unanimously.

B. Resolutions, SUSLA

On motion of Mr. Braxton, seconded by Mr. Hendricks, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, the following resolutions.

Motion carried unanimously.

Authorization to the Chancellor of Southern University at Shreveport (SUSLA) to approve, sign and enter into contracts and other agreements on behalf of SUSLA with the City of Shreveport, to be handled through SUSLA's Division of Community Outreach and Workforce Development, to provide services for workforce development and training, community outreach, and economic development, and other projects; and, to do all things necessary to insure fulfillment of said agreements and contracts that he so executes.

Authorization to Chancellor of Southern University at Shreveport (SUSLA) to approve, sign and enter into contracts and other agreements on behalf of SUSLA with the Louisiana Department of Education (LA DOE Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG-LA Program), to be handled through SUSLA's Division of Community Outreach and Workforce Development, to provide services for workforce development and training, community outreach, and economic development, and other projects; and, to do all things necessary to waive fulfillment of said agreements and contracts that he so executes.

Authorization to the Chancellor of Southern University at Shreveport to approve, sign and enter into contracts and other agreements on behalf of the University with the Louisiana Community and Technical College System (LCTCS), to be handled through SUSLA's Division of Community Outreach and Workforce Development, to provide services for workforce development and training, community outreach, and economic development, and other projects; and, to do all things necessary to ensure fulfillment of said agreements and contracts that he so executes.

C. Memorandum of Understanding between Southern University at Shreveport and Grambling State University for Military Science – Reserve Officers Training Corps – ROTC

On motion of Mr. Hendricks, seconded by Mr. Braxton, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, the Memorandum of Understanding between Southern University at Shreveport and Grambling State University for Military Science courses for Reserve Officers Training Corp (ROTC).

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

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

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FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE
Friday, July 22, 2011
2nd Floor, J.S. Clark Administration Building
Southern University and 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. Walter C. Dumas
Mr. Willie Hendricks
Atty. Patrick O. Jefferson
Mr. Demetrius Sumner
Mr. Darren G. Mire, Ex Officio

ABSENT

Dr. Eamon M. Kelly

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AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

Faculty Senate President Sudhir Trivedi advised the Committee of the SUBR Faculty's efforts to help offset the 2011-12 budget crises affecting the Campus.

SUBR Professor Diola Bagayoko stated the possible ramifications of declaring financial exigency at the institution.

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEMS

A. BA-7#4, SULC and SUS

On motion of Atty. Dumas, seconded by Atty. Forstall, the Committee recommends Board approval of BA-7 #4 and ratification of the Administration's early submission of the document to the Louisiana Office of Planning and Budgeting to comply with the deadline date.

Motion carried unanimously.

BA-7 #4 reflecting increased spending authority for self-generated revenues realized by the SU Law Center in the amount of \$2,014,000 as a result of increased tuition and enrollment in FY 2010-11; and, a decrease in spending authority in the amount of \$2,014,000 from the SU Baton Rouge Campus as a result of enrollment numbers being less than projected during FY 2010-11.

AGENDA ITEM 6: INFORMATIONAL ITEM

A. Discussion of SUBR Budget

Chancellor James Llorens provided a status report on the Southern University – Baton Rouge's 2011-2012 Operating Budget. He reminded the Committee of the reductions of over 17 million dollars in State Appropriations that SUBR has sustained over the past 30 months. This fiscal year, the Administration will have to implement a number of actions to offset an anticipated shortfall in the amount of \$10 million. Daily meetings are being held by a University Budget Committee composed of Campus Administrators, Faculty, Staff and Student Representatives to address the budget shortfall and to attempt to avoid having to declare financial exigency.

Some of the strategies developed to date to address the financial problem include reducing costs in the following areas:

- Adjunct Faculty and Faculty Overloads
- Vacant Positions
- Personnel
- Utilities
- Summer Session

These and other reductions will require the University to undergo a restructuring and redesign to ensure the continued efficiency and effectiveness of its operations.

The implementation of additional on-line course offerings and certificate programs are also being considered to generate needed revenues.

Several suggestions were offered by members of the Committee to the Administration –

- Develop and submit to the Board a three- to five - year plan for Southern University at Baton Rouge
- Determine which program accreditations may be impacted negatively by the budget crisis.
- Determine the impact of budget actions on Student Credit Hours
- Make reductions to the administrative staff at the System and Baton Rouge Campus levels
- Develop strategies for reducing utility costs and to attract grants that are available to assist the University in becoming a green campus.
- Provide weekly or bimonthly updates to Board Members on the status of the SUBR budget
- Develop a game plan to enhance SUBR's success in the areas of student recruitment, retention and rewarding (graduation)

FY 2011-2012 Budget recommendations for Southern University at Baton Rouge are scheduled for submission for Board approval in August.

AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Atty. Forstall, the meeting was adjourned.

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ATHLETICS COMMITTEE
Friday, July 22, 2011
2nd 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.

PRESENT

Atty. Patrick D. Magee - Chair
Mr. Demetrius Sumner, Vice Chair
Atty. Murphy F. Bell, Jr.
Mr. Patrick W. Bell
Mr. Myron K. Lawson
Mrs. Ann A. Smith
Mr. Darren G. Mire, Ex Officio

ABSENT

Dr. Eamon M. Kelly

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BOARD COUNSEL

Attys. Winston DeCuir, Jr., and Tracie Woods

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5: INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. Advantage of SUBR's Membership in SWAC

In the report by Chancellor Llorens, the following were listed as advantages to SUBR due to its membership in the Southwestern Athletic Conference.

- Receives a share of proceeds from SWAC Conference games. Last year, the University's share amounted to \$30,000.
- Received approximately \$80,000 annually from NCAA via SWAC for needy students
- Certain games are televised on ESPN
- Discounts in athletic shoes purchased from NIKE and Russell Athletics
- Automatic participation in conference tournaments

Note: SUBR has been sanctioned by the NCAA and SWAC because of the low academic performance rates of its student-athletes. The University is banned from televised conference bans and post season conference play.

Southern University – Baton Rouge has held membership in SWAC since 1936. Annual SWAC membership dues are \$35,000 which represents a recent increase of ten percent. The Chancellor of Southern University – Baton Rouge sits on the SWAC Council of Presidents and Chancellors, the organization's governing body.

Several Committee Members agreed on the need for more assistance from SWAC to its member schools. Further, in light of recent ban by the NCAA and SWAC, SUBR must attract new revenues to support its athletics program, i.e., auctioning of naming rights in A.W. Mumford Stadium to corporate sponsors.

The Chancellor announced that the search for the Director of Athletics for SUBR is ongoing and application review will begin soon. The ideal candidate is one who can successfully market SUBR's Athletic Programs and put in place a mechanism that will enhance student-athletes' success academically and athletically.

AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Atty. Bell, the meeting was adjourned.

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Southern University and A&M College at Baton Rouge

Chancellor's Report



SIGNIFICANT ACCOMPLISHMENTS/ACHIEVEMENTS

ExxonMobil Representatives Meet with SUBR Officials

On Wednesday, July 20, 2011, the Chancellor, Special Assistant Margaret Ambrose, Interim Athletic Director Sandy Pugh and Ms. Monique Edwards met with four representatives from ExxonMobil. Two of these representatives were Southern University graduates.

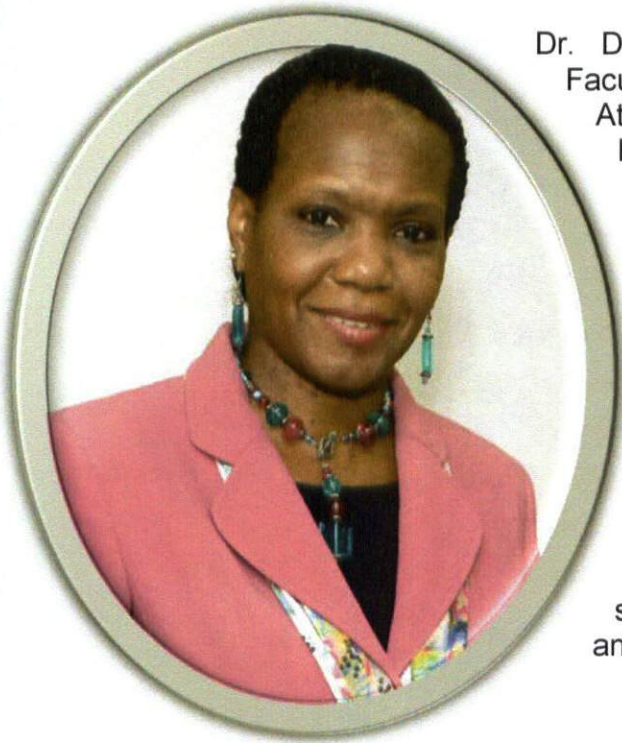
The purpose of the meeting was to introduce the Chancellor to the ExxonMobil Team and to brief the Chancellor on what and how ExxonMobil continues to contribute to SUBR through student scholarships, student internships, and permanent employment of some SUBR graduates. Other ExxonMobil sponsored activities include the Bernard Harris Summer Science Camp, Engineering Summer Institute, Science Quest Program and the Wildlife Habitat Project.

Representatives from ExxonMobil also participate in the Southern University Business and Industry Cluster, and they participate as members of the Engineering Council of Visitors. The University also receives departmental and college grants, especially for the Colleges of Business and Engineering. ExxonMobil sponsors one of the labs in the College of Engineering (\$25K commitment).

Also of great significance is the SU Alumni ExxonMobil SU Employee 3 to 1 Educational Matching Gift program. In 2010, the Matching Gift Program yielded \$65,586. The total amount for 2011 has not been reported yet.

The University's intent is to continue to build upon its existing mutually beneficial relationship with ExxonMobil.

SUBR Athletic Faculty Representative Appointed to NCAA Management Cabinet



Dr. Doze Butler currently serves as SUBR's Faculty Representative for the Department of Athletics. Since her appointment, Dr. Butler has become a full participant in a number of NCAA related activities. She was appointed recently to the NCAA's Champions/Sports Management Cabinet, a group that oversees drug testing and education, rules and Olympic sports issues. The Cabinet meets up to three times a year and has oversight authority of all NCAA Division 1 National Championships and National Collegiate Championships. The Cabinet also makes recommendations regarding sports science issues, including injury surveillance, drug education, drug testing, and playing and practice seasons.

School of Nursing Hosts National HBCU Schools of Nursing Day

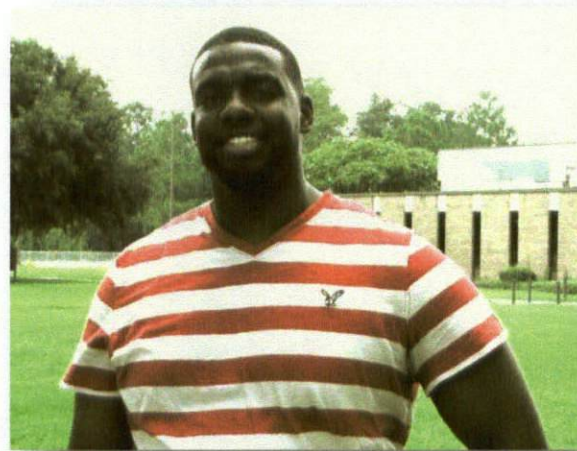
On July 28, 2011, the SUBR School of Nursing served as host for a very special day – the Historically Black Colleges and Universities Schools of Nursing Day. From 8:00a.m. to 5:00p.m. HBCU nursing professionals from across the USA convened on the Baton Rouge campus.



Several informative sessions were held. Those in attendance were encouraged to continue providing innovative leadership, mentoring and instruction for those students who wish to pursue a career in nursing. The one-day activity was co-hosted by SUBR and the Health Resources and Services Administration of the U. S. Department of Health. Most of the participants were deans or senior nursing administrators. The event gave those in attendance the opportunity to exchange ideas and share experiences related to recruitment, retention and the training of nursing students. Emphasis was placed on the fact that these students must be prepared to serve a diverse population, and, most especially, the underserved.

SUBR Honors College Student Selected as ETS Presidential Scholarship Recipient

Russell Ledet, a senior in the Dolores Margaret Richard Spikes Honors College, was recently selected as a 2011-2012 Educational Testing Service (ETS) Presidential Scholarship recipient for HBCU students. Russell is one of eight students who were chosen from among a number of very academically talented students who submitted applications.



The University nominated three students and Russell was one of the eight students selected from a large pool of students from across the country who applied. We are extremely proud of his accomplishment and extend to him high commendations.

Southern Laboratory School Instructor Receives Educator Award



Ann Brown, a Southern University Laboratory School English teacher, was recently awarded the Distinguished Clinician Award by the Louisiana Association of Teacher Educators (LAATE).

The award is given each year by the LAATE in recognition of practicing clinicians for their professional knowledge, skills and outstanding work to ensure

successful student teaching experiences. Ms. Brown and four other outstanding teachers were presented with this award during a luncheon at Northwestern State University.

This outstanding Lab School instructor has been employed at the SU Laboratory School for 11 years. She also has 18 years of experience at the Baton Rouge High School. Commendations are extended to this instructor for her exemplary work.

“Human Jukebox” Named best HBCU Marching Band

The Southern University Marching Band has been selected as the top marching band among the nation’s historically black colleges, according to a national news magazine website.

HBCU Digest listed SU’s “Human Jukebox” as the number one HBCU marching band, outranking rivals Florida A&M University’s “Marching 100,” Jackson State University’s “Sonic Boom of the South,” Grambling State University’s Tiger Marching Band and the Bethune-Cookman University “Marching Wildcats.”

“To even be mentioned in the same breath as these great marching bands is something to treasure,” said Director of Bands Lawrence Jackson. “To be considered the best is an awesome payoff for the hours of sacrifice invested by our young men and women.”

Jackson, a former Jukebox member himself, said the marching has had to be innovative in the past several years to “maintain the legacy of the great band directors and members before me.”

“I am honored that someone would consider our band as the best HBCU band in the country,” Jackson said. “This is a tribute to the hard work of my staff and the student musicians that we are extremely blessed to have at Southern University.”

SU to offer vaccinations to SU students

The Southern University Student Health Center has partnered with the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals to provide free vaccinations to SU students who are 18 years old and younger.

The partnership is an effort to assist incoming freshmen who have not received all of their vaccinations and cannot provide proof of their immunization compliance. Also, to qualify, the student can have only University provided health insurance coverage.

The Health Center has the vaccines for whooping cough, measles, mumps and rubella, human papillomavirus, tetanus, meningitis, and hepatitis B.

Louisiana law (R.S. 17:170 - Schools of Higher Learning) requires proof of dates of immunization against measles, mumps, rubella, and tetanus-diphtheria for all first-time college students.

Institute for Research, Training and Public Service Initiates African American Mayors Project

The Institute for Research Training and Public Service, housed in the Nelson Mandela School for Public Policy and Urban Affairs, has begun research for an initiative called "*The African American Mayor's Project*." Dr. Huey Perry, Executive Director of the Institute, is providing the leadership for this project.

The ongoing research is the basis for three proposals that are being developed for possible external funding. The director believes that this project fills an important niche in research on African American mayors. This project grew out of work that was done over the last year on three individual studies related to African American mayors. "The goal is for the Institute for Research, Training and Public Service to become the principal repository of research and data on African American mayors in the United States," said Institute Director, Dr. Huey Perry.

SU Scientist Earns \$200,000 DOE Grant



The Department of Energy has selected Southern University as one of the four institutions chosen in an annual competition for fossil energy research ideas from the nation's Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Other Minority Institutions.

The Department of Energy will provide \$200,000 to Southern and Dr. Shizhong Yang, a

computational scientist in Southern's Department of Computer Science.

Office of Media Relations Update

These are some of the news stories and media events generated by the Office of Media Relations since the last Chancellor's Report to the Board.

WAFB-TV Ch. 9 reported on July 13 that Southern University's College of Business was cited by *U. S. News & World Report* as the second most affordable business school in the nation.

On July 15, WBRZ-TV Ch. 2, WAFB-TV Ch. 9 and WVLA Ch. 33 all covered media day for the Southern University - ExxonMobil Bernard Harris Summer Science Camp. *The Advocate* published a photo from the camp on July 16.

On July 31, Dr. Doze Y. Butler was mentioned in *The Advocate's* People in Business section on her appointment to the NCAA's Champions/Sports Management Cabinet, a group that oversees drug testing and education, rules and Olympic sports issues.

The Advocate published a story on Aug. 1 about a nearly \$10 million construction project on the Baton Rouge campus that involves replacing miles of old water pipe.

The Southern University Marching Band was recently named the best historically black college marching band by HBCU Digest.

WBRZ TV Ch. 2 mentioned it on its Morning show on Aug. 3.
WVLA TV Ch. 33 did a story on the band on Aug. 3.
WAFB-TV Ch. 9 closed its Aug. 4, 10 pm., newscast with the band.

Southern University's summer 2011 Chief Student Marshal Whitney Allen was profiled in an Aug. 4, *Plaquemine Post/South* newspaper Page 1 featured, based on a story produced by the SU Media Relations Office. She was also mentioned earlier in *The Advocate's* July 30th story about SU's July 29th summer Commencement.



On Aug. 4, the SU Police Department was part of a WBRZ-TV Ch. 2 story on college campus safety.

**SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY
AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND EXTENSION CENTER**



Leodrey Williams

CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

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Southern University and A & M College System

"Linking Citizens of Louisiana with Opportunities for Success"

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Morehouse Parish Black Farmers and Landowners Association Field Day and Farm Tour

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With temperatures reaching 100 degrees, approximately 150 farmers, agricultural producers, agricultural professionals and other interested people attended the 10th Morehouse Parish Black Farmers and Landowners Association Annual Field Day. The field day and farm tour was held on Friday, July 22nd, and began on the farm of Harper Armstrong in Collinston, Louisiana.

This annual event was started by a group of farmers in Morehouse Parish who early on recognized the need for sharing information and experiences to help themselves and to increase awareness for the next generation. They later organized themselves into the Morehouse Parish Black Farmers and Landowners Association, and have worked diligently ever since to enhance the education and opportunities for farmers in north Louisiana.

Odis Hill, Assistant Area Agent with the Southern University Ag Center, is a founding member of the Association and one of the key organizers of the annual field day. During the program, Hill also shared with the group the history of the event. He noted that during the first year, farmers were the only members. Representatives from Southern University got involved during the second year and LSU came aboard during year three.

There were five stops on the tour. It began with the Armstrong soybean plot, followed by the cotton plot. This was followed by a demonstration on harvesting corn at the Hill farm and next came a visit to Antwain Downs' corn plot. The final stop of the farm tour was at a cattle operation on the farm of Curtis Payton. This year as in the previous years, the day ended with lunch at the Cooperative Extension Office in Bastrop.

This annual field day and farm tour is an excellent example of true partnerships and collaborative efforts. So many partners come together annually to ensure the continued success of this event. Mr. Armstrong, president of the group expressed his appreciation to Southern University Ag Center, LSU AgCenter, USDA/NRCS, Monsanto, FMC, Dupont, the Growers Council and all who support the Association's efforts.

Special guests for this year's field day were Dr. Dewayne Goldman, with Monsanto, Ms. Kim Davis, from the National Growers Council who attended along with farmers from North Carolina, Alabama, Mississippi, Florida and Virginia.

Food and Agricultural Sciences Leadership Academy

On July 1st in Room 191 of the SU Ag Center, the commencement ceremony for the Food and Agricultural Sciences Leadership Academy was held. This celebration highlighted the work and achievements of 17 rising high school seniors in schools around the state of Louisiana. The ceremony began with a welcome by Dr. Leodrey Williams, Chancellor. Ms. Lucille Dunn of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was the keynote speaker at the commencement ceremony.

The Leadership Academy is a two-year summer program implemented in two phases. The overall goal of Phase I is to assist program participants increase their ACT score in order to qualify for the Tuition Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS) award. This phase began on May 29th, and for five (5) weeks the students were engaged in a rigorous course of study including ACT preparation/academic enhancement activities, service learning and leadership development. They endured 18 hours of ACT preparation with Princeton Review, three (3) practice 3.5 hour long ACT test, 20 hours of instruction in each of the following subjects: English, Social Studies, Math and Science to include a three-hour lab in each subject, and exposure to the careers and majors in the Food and Agricultural Sciences. Phase II will be during the summer of 2012.

Although the majority of the time was spent focusing on academic enhancement and career develop-

ment activities, two other components of the Leadership Academy were included, leadership development and service learning.



SU Food and Ag Leadership Academy Group

The primary concept of leadership development highlighted during this experience focused on "Developing the Leader Within." Through a brain storming session, the class developed their own definition of leadership which is: *the position or function of an individual whereby he/she is able to provide guidance and direction to a group of people and move them in a positive direction.* In addition to defining the term, the class became more familiar with the characteristics/positive attributes of a leader and through self-discovery and assessment, were able to identify their individual leadership skills and styles. Most importantly, a personal SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats) Analysis was conducted where each student gave a painstakingly honest assessment of his/her individual strengths and weaknesses. Each student received a copy of *the 7*

Habits of Highly Effective Teens, and the companion workbook both by Steven Covey, and also *Who Moved My Cheese for Teens* by Spencer Johnson, M.D.

While maintaining a very rigorous schedule, the students managed to perform 20 hours of community service volunteering with the following organizations: Ms. Jenga Nwendo, Laurentine Ernst Community Garden, New Orleans, where they assisted in the maintenance of a community garden in the lower ninth ward and the East Baton Rouge Parish Animal Control, Baton Rouge, where they provided exercise and nurturing to abandoned animals being placed for adoption. The students also volunteered with The National Organization of Black Natural Resources Conservation Services, Employees - Louisiana Chapter, Galliano, where they planted grass along a two-mile stretch of beach on Grand Isle, to fight coastal erosion and to aid in coastal restoration; and the Skills Enhancement Academy, the Wesley Foundation, Baton Rouge, where they mentored 2nd – 5th graders, to include discussing manners, proper behavior, the importance of school and future careers. Their final service learning project was with the Military Community, Family and Youth Extension Project, Southern University Ag Center, where they assisted in the maintenance of the university-based garden.

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Leadership Academy

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The seventeen participants completing Phase I of the Food and Agricultural Sciences Leadership Academy were:

Victoria Allen of Tensas Parish; LaKevion Ball of East Carroll Parish; Frelisha Carr of East Baton Rouge Parish; ShaWayna Craft of West Carroll Parish; Salaria Dumas of East Baton Rouge Parish; Robernisha Green of East Carroll Parish; Chelsea Hammond of East Baton Rouge Parish; Alonzo Harris, Jr. of St. Landry Parish; Brandolyn Johnson of Franklin Parish; Asher T. Jones of Iberville Parish; Chas Patterson of East Baton Rouge Parish; Tyler Perkins of Union Parish; Chris Reynolds of East Carroll Parish; Tremaine Sam of St. Landry Parish; John W. B. Smith, III of East Baton Rouge Parish; Willie Washington of St. Landry Parish; and Katrina Wingate of East Carroll Parish.

Special guests attending the commencement ceremony were the 2nd – 5th grade student mentees from the Skill Enhancement Academy under the directorship of Dr. Tamaira Wade. Dr. Wade presented each Leadership Academy participant with a certificate of service and the students each made their mentors a personalized card.

This project is a result of a competitive USDA/National Institute of Food and Agriculture - Capacity Building Grant awarded to Dr. Dawn Mellion-Patin, agriculture specialist.



Left-Right: Zanetta Augustine, research associate; Chancellor Williams; Dr. Wade; Dr. Eubanks, vc for Extension and Dr. Mellion-Patin, project director



Robert Rene, Office of Admissions, SUBR, addresses academy participants.

SU Alumni Conference Attendees Tour the Ag Center

Southern University alumni met in Baton Rouge, LA, July 6-10, to bring home the pride and promise of the Jaguar Nation at the 2011 National Alumni Conference. This year's conference welcomed back to the Bluff Southernites and supporters from across the globe to reconnect, reminisce, and renew the time-honored tradition of our great University as well as rededicate ourselves to strengthening it for the future.

On Saturday, July 9, as part of the conference, an Open House was scheduled for alumni to tour the SU Campuses in Baton Rouge. At the SU Ag Center, a display of programs was set up in room 191 of the Ashford Williams building. The highlight of the tour of the Ag

Center was the presentation on the 2011 State of the Campus by Chancellor Leodrey Williams. He shared the Center's accomplishments and goals with alumni as the Center observes its 10th anniversary as the 5th campus of the SU System.



SU Alumnus Freddie Price, Sr., left, class of '73, and owner of Dempsey Business Systems, a

computer enterprise in Alexandria, LA receives souvenir from Dr. Wanda Burke, director of SCRI, as he made his rounds of various booths in room 191, A.O. Williams Hall interacting with employees of the Ag Center during the alumni open house.

Christopher Roger, Director of Technology Services chaired the SU Ag Center Open House Committee.

Horse Safety Emphasized at School Fun Day

The Inspire Charter Academy on North Foster Drive, Baton Rouge, held its Annual Fun Day to mark the end of the semester. **Terrence Marshall**, County Agent, East Baton Rouge Parish, brought horse safety demonstration to students. The program was well received by all 200 attendees.

Marshall was assisted by Eugene Runnels, Farm Superintendent, SU Ag Center.



Dr. Bandele Addresses Summer Garden Program Participants

The Southern University Experiential Learning Garden Summer Program participants had a special guest speaker on Tuesday, July 12. The legendary Dr. Owusu Bandele, professor emeritus, SU Ag Center, gave a lecture entitled "African American Agriculturalists". All Zachary and SU garden members were invited to participate in this one-time session.



Dr. Bandele addresses participants

Bandele's PowerPoint presentation covered topics related to African

American agricultural inventions; music connected with agriculture such as Boll weevil song; crops and plants that originated from Africa to the Americas such as okra, water melon, millet, sorghum, and coffee; Louisiana's contributions to agricultural economy such as the Chenier farm, the Muhaimin pastured poultry farm; organic farming in the south; career opportunities in agriculture; SU Ag Center involvement in community agriculture and youth development. The presentation attracted more than 25 participants and others who found it very enlightening.

The Experiential Learning Garden Summer Programs began June 1, and concluded on July 21st. The garden had two locations on the Horticultural Farm behind the SU Ag Center main building, catering to youth ages 5-18, and met Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8 am until noon; and in Zachary on Rollins

Road, conducted in collaboration with the Zachary Men's Club, met every Monday and Wednesday from 8 am until noon, catering to 8-12th grade students.

Both locations are funded by the USDA/NIFA and the Department of Defense through the Military Community, Family and Youth Extension Project.

The program is free and continuously open for families and youth to register and participate.

Tiffany Franklin serves as Project Coordinator, Stephanie Elwood, Extension Associate-Community Gardener and Deanna Eubanks, program assistant at the SU Ag Center.

Graduation Ceremony Held for Experiential Learning Garden Program

The SU Ag Center's eight-week Experiential Learning Summer Gardening Project ended with a graduation celebration for participants on July 21. A total of 12 students, ranging in age from 6-18 years, graduated from the program. The ceremony was immediately followed by a tour of the garden, located behind the Horticul-

tural Unit, adjacent to the SU Ag Center. Chancellor Leodrey Williams was out in the field celebrating with the students and their families. Youth showed their dedication by participating in the summer sun learning the essential elements of growing their own produce and healthy eating.



Graduates with mentors: Deana Eubanks, left and Tiffany Franklin, far right.

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Experiential Learning Garden Graduation

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Youth participants are now more open to trying new foods, actually taking ownership because this was their project. Youth also learned about community service, leadership, communication skills, the importance of teamwork, and building new peer relationships.

One of the participants, 13-year old Siriah L. Rogers, who attends Christian Life School, said, "We grew basil and eggplants among other things. There are so many varieties that I did not know existed. I hope the program goes on next year, and the year after."

Youth also spent time at the dairy unit, and visited local vegetable and poultry farms as part of their experience.

Participants' parents and siblings joined them at the graduation ceremony where the youth received certificates of participation for their hard work and dedication.

The youth enjoyed words of encouragement from Ag Center administrators. On an official trip, Dr. Gina Eubanks, Vice Chancellor for Extension, left a letter for the participants encouraging them to strive for higher goals and serve as positive role models. In addition, youth were graced with kind words from Dr. Kirkland Mellad, Vice Chancellor for Research.

"Dr. Mellad and his team of research associates/scientists have been very instrumental in the success of this project," said Stephanie Elwood.

"The youth assisted in preparing a heart healthy breakfast made with fresh veggies from their garden, which included zucchini nut muffins, butternut squash pancakes, fresh cantaloupe, and watermelons," Elwood said.

"Students were excited to try new foods and are looking forward to sharing their experiences with their friends at school and to participating in the program next summer," said Tiffany Franklin.

The Summer garden project participants were: Brandon Roberts; Jaiden Brown; Jayla Gilmore; Jordyn Krumm; Josh Selders; Kendja Bolden; Maceon Brown; Rashana Selders; Ruby Griffin; Sariah Rogers; Sydney Marshall; and Yahti Washington.

The ceremony concluded with closing remarks from Tiffany Franklin, Project Coordinator and Stephanie Elwood, Extension Associate - Community Gardener.



Chancellor Williams, left, receives cantaloupe from Siriah L. Rogers, project graduate



Vice Chancellor Mellad congratulates project graduate, Joshua Selders



Project graduate, Kendja Bolden, shows off her Armenian Cucumber from the garden

SU Ag Center Agents Participate in Annual Development Training

Southern University Ag Center held its 2nd Annual Community and Economic Development training for 17 participants on June 27. This year's training focused on the project, Building Opportunities through Leadership Development (BOLD). BOLD, a statewide leadership development program focuses on building leaders from rural and underserved populations in hopes of assisting residents with addressing issues and concerns of their communities. It is built on the precept that indige-

nous leaders from within are better equipped to solve community problems because they are living with them on a daily basis.

SU Ag Center field agents were required to complete one training minimum, utilizing all eight sessions as a pilot from the project manual written by Dr. Kenyetta Nelson-Smith. Agents returned this year with feedback on the successes and possible modifications of this manual in their parishes towards building a complete lead-

ership development curriculum.

Nelson-Smith has been selected to participate in the 2011 Adult Higher Education Alliance Annual Conference in Indianapolis this fall to present the BOLD project.

Dr. Kenyetta Nelson-Smith is SU Ag Center's assistant specialist of community and economic development and director of the BOLD project.

SU Ag Center Staff Attend 1890 Exchange Conference

Director Gloria London, Business Development Specialist Eual Hall, Technology Specialists Wilbert Harris and William Augustine from the Center for Rural and Small Business Development at the SU Ag Center converged with 17 other 1890 Land Grant Universities and Tuskegee Institute in Charleston, SC for the 1890 Exchange Conference, July 12-15.

The purpose of this Conference was to have a conversation between USDA Rural Development and 1890 Institution Partners of Rural Development programs and resources, how they impact economically challenged rural communities; and how Rural Development can utilize 1890 partners as outreach resources.

USDA administrator Judith Canales, Keynote Luncheon Speaker, informed the group that change is

in the making and having the appropriate means of communication is most critical due to budget cuts. She emphasized the need to "Tell our success stories and present our activities to whom it impacts the most."

The next move will involve: Identifying the feasibility for developing more significant projects in 1890 targeted rural communities and engaging 1890 and Rural Development programs and resources for implementation; Working Together to Impact Economically Challenged Rural Communities; and development projects that will alleviate erosion of the economic empowerments. These projects will include Business incubators; Mom & Pop Grocery stores; Community youth and senior centers; Community library/technology centers; Cooperatives consisting of fruit/

vegetable processing facilities; and the ability to establish an Intermediate Relending Loan Program.



Left-right: Eual Hall, Wilbert Harris, and William Augustine of SU Ag Center; Administrator Judith A. Canales of USDA; Entrepreneurial Development Specialist Merdith F. Corley, and Data Analyst Jeanette Howard of Alcorn State; Ann Ragland of Virginia State University; Gloria London of SU Ag Center, and Mabel Edlow of Virginia State University.

Southern University Urban Forestry, Penn State Plant Pathology Collaborate

On July 10-12, Dr. Dan Collins, professor, urban forestry, SU Ag Center, and four students, including one undergraduate, from the Department of Urban Forestry at Southern University, Baton Rouge, visited Penn State University to participate in a Short Course on Agricultural Plant Biosecurity developed by the Department of Plant Pathology.

Day 1 of the rigorous 2-day course included a half-day of lectures on invasive species and biocontrol strategies by Dr. Don Davis, the role of APHIS in pathogen forensics by Grace O'Keefe, and Agricultural Biosecurity Initiatives by Dr. Gretchen Kuldau. In addition, each graduate student from Southern University made a brief presentation summarizing his/her research.

On day 2, the group travelled first to the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture in Harrisburg, PA, to tour research and diagnostic facilities for plant pathogen detection with Dr. Ruth Welliver and Dr. Seong Kim and the insect ID lab with Dr. Sven Spichiger. Topics discussed included the eradication efforts for plum pox virus, surveys for Phytophthora and Ralstonia, and introductions of the long-horn beetle and the green ash borer. The group then travelled to the Penn State Fruit Research and Extension Center for an afternoon tour of tree fruit research programs by Drs. Henry Ngugi and John Halbrendt where they discussed studies of resurging plant diseases and their detection. The Biosecurity Class then travelled to Frederick, MD, to visit Dr. Doug Luster and colleagues at the USDA-ARS Biocontainment Greenhouse and tour the APHIS

Training Facilities, before returning home to Southern University.

Penn State Plant Pathology and Southern University Urban Forestry are collaborators in Agricultural Biosecurity Education. The USDA/NIFA funded the course in part through a Capacity Building Grant to Enhance Graduate Education and Training in Global Food Security and Agricultural Biosecurity. For the full story visit: [Penn State University](http://PennStateUniversity)



SU team at Penn State

Faculty, Staff Accomplishments and Activities

Marshall Elected Vice President of Association

The Louisiana County Agricultural Agents Association elected **Terrence Marshall**, County Agent (1890) as Vice-President of the association at the annual meeting held in June.

Marshall is a 34-year employee of the Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service, working for both the Southern

University and LSU Agricultural Centers.

He began his career in Ascension Parish in 1977, and transferred to East Baton Rouge Parish in 1979. He has been a member of the association since 1992. He has served three terms on the Board of Directors of the group.



Marshall

Faculty, staff accomplishments and activities contd.

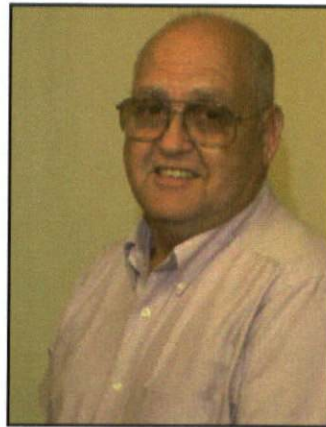
Southern University Ag Center Professor Emeritus Co-authors Paper

Dr. James McNitt, Professor Emeritus, Southern University Agricultural and Extension Center, co-authored a paper entitled "Expansion of meat rabbit projects in disaster-stricken Haiti" presented at the 2011 American Dairy Science Association - American Society of Animal Science Joint Annual Meeting in New Orleans July 13.

Following the recent devastating earthquake in Haiti in January of 2010, humanitarian efforts have been made to expand small-scale rabbit farming enterprises to over 1,000 resettled rural families. The rabbit program was initiated by Dr. McNitt in the mid-90s. The objective of the current study was to evaluate rabbit program status,

based on a USAID consultancy visit in July–August, 2010.

In the townships of Cap Haitian and Grand Boulage, several farms were visited to determine production status.



Dr. McNitt

In general, farmer enthusiasm toward the project was perceived to be high.

In summary, the article states that the project evaluated shed and cage designs as promoted by the host organization (Makouti Agro-Enterprises; MAE), rabbit health problems associated with pathogens, and feeding. The findings concluded that despite the discouraging present status, good progress has been made since project initiation, and people have accepted the practice of rabbit farming and the consumption of rabbit meat in their diets.

Fatemeh Malekian, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center and adjunct faculty at Louisiana State University, received the 2011 Elizabeth Fleming Stier Award for pursuit of humanitarian ideals and unselfish dedication resulting in significant contributions to the well-being of the food industry, academia, students, or the general public.



Dr. Malekian

She received \$3,000 honorarium from the New York Section and a plaque from the *Institute of Food Technologists*.

The story was printed in the May 2011 Phi Tau Sigma Newsletter, Member News section. To read the full story, visit: <http://www.ift.org/community/phi-tau-sigma/newsletter/0511phitausigma.aspx>

Faculty, staff accomplishments and activities contd.

Sharon Wilder received a Certificate of Appreciation from the United States Department of Agriculture's Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion for her continuing support as a Community Partner within the Nutrition Communicators Networks. She received a package for her efforts in reaching the community and audiences with the 2010 Dietary Guidelines and MyPlate. MyPlate is the new

version of the dietary guideline developed by the USDA.



Sharon Wilder

Included in the package is the Communications Message Calendar, which will aid in dissemination of messages and programs to consumers in a coordinated, targeted and powerful way. Wilder is SU Ag Center's nutrition assistant for FF-News in East and West Carroll Parishes.

Dr. Kenyetta Nelson-Smith, assistant specialist, Community & Economic Development, presented the "Importance of Education" to 25 participants of the Louisiana Young Ag Producers Summer Camp hosted by LSU AgCenter on Friday, July 22.

She was also selected, along with State Representative Pat Smith, to serve as judge for the summer 2011 Big Buddy Spelling Bee.



Dr. Nelson-Smith



Big Buddy spelling Bee team

Renita Marshall, assistant professor, **Kenyetta Smith**, assistant specialist, and **Christie Monroe**, livestock programs manager, set up a petting zoo at the Pointe Coupee Community Resource Center, Inc. during a camping event on July 7. The petting zoo included rabbits, chickens and a miniature horse. Monroe supplied a mock

horse with saddle and allowed camp participants to "ride" an imaginary horse. The children learned how the animals help on the farm. The camp hosted more than 20 students and parents.



Campers with mini horse

Faculty, staff accomplishments and activities contd.

Christie Monroe, Livestock programs manager, participated in the National Women In Ag Association Planning meeting in Alabama along with Emily King and Zanetta Augustine, July 19. The conference hosted more than 75 women from Alabama, Oklahoma, Louisiana and Mississippi.

On July 22, Monroe presented at the 10th annual black farmers field

day, hosted by Morehouse Black Farmers and Landowners Association. More than 100 participants converged from as far as Virginia, Texas, Arkansas, Mississippi and Alabama for the event.

On July 26, Monroe also made a presentation entitled "Women and Agriculture Then and Now" at the Small Black Farmers Meeting in Nacogdoches, TX.



Monroe presents at field day

Dr. Bridget Udoh, communications specialist, held a follow-up workshop for USDA/NIFA project participants in St. Martin Parish, July 29. The meeting took place in St. Martinville Library from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. to discuss the outcome of an earlier focus group meeting with participants. SU Ag Center faculty and staff presented on various topics to the group. Andra Johnson, assistant professor, urban forestry, addressed the group on alternative crop production for alternative fuel.

During Johnson's presentation, farmer Kurt Choplin said, "Since you mentioned alternative crops at our last meeting six months ago, it stayed on my mind. I have started back my garden to grow grass for my chickens. It has cut my chicken feeding bill by 25% at this time of rising feed cost."

Eual Hall, business development specialist, presented to the group on starting and expanding a small business. Allison Johnson, pro-

gram manager, USDA 1890 Programs, Higher Education Institutions, shared information on the services provided by the USDA to small producers and businesses at the state and local levels. Candace Semien, consultant/facilitator, reported the analysis and findings of the focus group. Oscar Udoh, coordinator for planning and evaluation served as note taker and logistics director. Chris Robichaux, county agent, St. Martin and Iberia Parishes, organized the meeting.

Bridget Udoh, communications specialist, is the project director of USDA/NIFA project entitled "Strategies to Improve Farm and business Efficiency Through Integrated Communications." The three-year project involving ten Louisiana parishes strives to enhance communication between the SU Ag Center and its clientele statewide. The target audience is limited resource producers and businesses.



Dr. Andra Johnson, addresses group on the benefits of alternative crop production



Allison Johnson addresses group on available USDA programs

Upcoming Events

August 18-19: Back-to-School Summit, Opelousas Civic Center, Opelousas, St. Landry Parish. For more information, contact the Southwest Center for Rural Initiatives at 337- 943-2410

August 23: Training on Family Stress, JET, Baton Rouge. For more information, contact: Delores Johnson, parent educator, (225) 771-2242 ext. 237

August 26: Back-to-School Summit, Northside Civic Center, Ville Platte, Evangeline Parish. For more information, contact the Southwest Center for Rural Initiatives at 337- 943-2410

August 30: The USDA Stronger Economies Together will hold a closeout conference call on in Alexandria, 10 am -2 pm. For more information, contact Kenyetta Q. Nelson-Smith, Asst. Specialist for Community and Economic Development at: 225-771-2242 x 315.

September 1, Back-to-School Summit, Cade Community Center, St. Martin Parish. For more information, contact the Southwest Center for Rural Initiatives at 337- 943-2410

September 6: Training on Family Stress, JET, Baton Rouge. For more information, contact: Delores Johnson, parent educator, (225) 771-2242 ext. 237

September 9, Back-to-School Summit, Scott Memorial Civic Center, New Roads, Pointe Coupee Parish. For more information, contact the Southwest Center for Rural Initiatives at 337- 943-2410

September 9: SW LA Livestock Enterprise, Southwest Center for Rural Initiatives, Opelousas, 6:00 pm-8:00 pm. For more information, contact: Wilbert Harris or William Augustine at 225-771-2242 or Aubrey Williams at 337-943-2410.

September 13: SU Alumni Association, Southwest Center for Rural Initiatives, Opelousas. For more information, contact: Edna Lastrapes at 337-943-2410.

September 15: The 2011 Fall Experiential Learning Garden program starts and continues through December 15 for youth aged 5-18. The program activities are scheduled for Thursdays, 4:00-6:00 p.m. To register, contact: Stephanie Elwood at 225-771-2134 or Tiffany Franklin at 225-771-2775.

September 27: Training on Family Stress, JET, Baton Rouge. For more information, contact: Delores Johnson, parent educator, (225) 771-2242 ext. 237

October 14: SW LA Livestock Enterprise, Southwest Center for Rural Initiatives, Opelousas, 6:00 pm-8:00 pm. For more information, contact: Wilbert Harris or William Augustine at 225-771-2242 or Aubrey Williams at 337-943-2410.

October 21: SU Alumni Association, Southwest Center for Rural Initiatives, Opelousas. For more information, contact: Edna Lastrapes at 337-943-2410.



Chancellor's Monthly Report

SUNO, UNO and Delgado Collaborative Initiative



As a follow-up from this year's Louisiana Legislative Session, the respective chancellors from Delgado Community College, Southern University at New Orleans and the University of New Orleans has asked selected members of their staffs to serve on working committees for the collaboration initiative for the three institutions. The work produced by the various committees will provide the framework for developing tangible ways in which the institutions can better work collectively. Committees are working in the areas of library, institutional research, academics, admissions, student affairs and marketing.

JULY 2011

Early Start Program Initiative



Chancellor Victor Ukpolo visits Lake Area New Tech Early College High School(Thurgood Marshall), addressing parents and students in reference to the Early Start Program. During all visits, Dr. Ukpolo encourages parents to allow their children to participate in the program. First, it will decrease the cost of college tuition. Second, the student will receive college credits while in high school. Third, the text books will be provided to the student. Lastly, a professor will teach the student on their campus and all of this free of charge to the student. In addition, if the student did not take the ACT, the university will administer the ACT residual to the student free of charge.

College of Business and Public Administration Places in the Top Three for The White House Urban Entrepreneur Forum Entrepreneurship Competition

The White House Business Council, the Office of Public Engagement, the Domestic Policy Council, and Xavier University hosted The White House Urban Entrepreneur Forum Entrepreneurship Competition on July 20, 2011. SUNO's College of Business had three teams competing in the Entrepreneurship Competition: Tonia Simmons-Doakes, MGIS Graduate Student (Doakes Real Estate Investment Company, LLC); Chaz Tanner, MGIS Graduate Student (TC Solar Powered Flatboat Oil Skimmers, LLC); and Nyisha Walton, Business Entrepreneurship Junior (Walton Enterprise Trucking, LLC). Dr. Louis C. Mancuso, Professor of Marketing, acted as moderator for the three teams.

Chaz Tanner and his company TC Solar Powered Flatboat Oil Skimmers, LLC placed in the top three companies in the competition.



Dr. Louis C. Mancuso congratulates Chaz Tanner on placing in the top three companies for The White House Urban Entrepreneur Forum

Academic Affairs

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

June 2011
INCREASE PRESIDENTS'
MEMORANDUM OF UN-
DERSTANDING
(MOU) SIGNING May 23,
2011

I represented the Chancellor, Dr. Victor Ukpolo, at the Increase Presidents' Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Conference. The purpose of the conference was to bring together Presidents and Chancellors of the Core Institutions (13) that make up INCREASE to sign a Memorandum of Understanding to cooperate and collaborate among themselves, as well as with other universities and laboratories, especially with Brookhaven National Laboratory, one of the best in the nation, and in the world at large. The highlights of the conference included "Meet and Greet", of which I extended the Chancellor's greetings to the conferees that he could not attend due to unavoidable circumstances. Activities included:

Photo Session.
Tour of different laboratories of BNL.
Discussion of Goals and Future Plans for INCREASE.
The discussions centered around more faculty involvement in writing proposals, scientific research, students' research and publication in the Journal of Undergraduate Research.
Summer Internship for both faculty and students at BNL.
Signing Ceremony and Dinner.

INCREASE AND BNL
CRITICAL RESEARCH AR-
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The following research areas are critical and money is available on a competitive basis:

Emergency Management-Plans, Training and Certification. I will recommend former New Orleans Police Chief Warren Riley for appointment, because of his experience in this area. He will be an asset to us. The Federal Government investment in this area is immense:

International Competitiveness, Research, Technology, and Promotion.

Energy/Electricity Storage and Power Conversion Systems.
Teacher Training in Science Education.

SUNO Faculty Commended
Drs. Joe Omojola and Murty Kambhupati are well known in INCREASE and BNL circles. They are recognized for diligence, research skills and mentoring student

July 2011
The College of Arts and Sciences was engaged in tracking its cohorts of the years 2006, 2007 and 2010 and pre-registering them for Fall 2011. Although, only a few faculty taught this summer, they and their chairpersons, and directors of programs did a marvelous job to reach and register as many students as possible. I wish to express my sincere thanks to all for a job well done.

Department of Arts and Humanities – July, 2011
Dr. Sudipta Das, Chair

Dr. Lora Helvie-Mason presented on the topic of Social Media and E-Learning at the Sloan Consortium's Educational Technology for Online Learning conference as part of the QEP presentation with Dr. Lisa Mims-Devezin, Ms. Shatiqua Mosby-Wilson, and Ms. Shelia Wood in San Jose, California July 11-13, 2011.

Dr. Sudipta Das attended the Sixth International Social Sciences Conference at the Lindy C. Boggs Center, University of New Orleans campus, New Orleans, on July 11-12, 2011.

Department of Natural Science – June, 2011 and July 2011

Dr. Mostafa Elaasar, Chair

Drs. Ekaidi, Numbere, Olubadewo and Tietzel attended the ABLE Biology Conference in Las Cruces, New Mexico from June 13 – 18, 2011.

Dr. Mostafa Elaasar was a Guest Scientist for the GEMS Summer Camp presenting workshops on Circuits and Electricity on Wednesday, June 8th and Tuesday, June 28th.

Dr. Olubadewo was a Guest Scientist for the GEMS Summer Camp presenting a workshop on Observing the Effect of Mentos Candy on Diet Coke and a Demonstration on the use of Red Cabbage as a Natural pH Indicator on Thursday, July 7th.

Dr. Tonye Numbere was a Guest Scientist for the GEMS Summer Camp presenting a workshop on Enzyme Digestion of Protein on Wednesday, July 6th.

Academic Affairs

Dr. Lisa Mims-Devezin was a Guest Scientist for the GEMS Summer Camp presenting a Microbiology Seminar on Wednesday, June 8th and again on Friday, June 10th.

Dr. Carl P. Johnson was a Guest Scientist for the GEMS Summer Camp presenting a Chemistry Seminar on Understanding Acids (pH) on Thursday, June 9th and Thursday, June 30th.

Dr. Illya Tietzel was a Guest Scientist for the GEMS Summer Camp presenting a Biology Seminar on Earthworms on Tuesday, June 7th and Tuesday, June 28th.

Dr. William Belisle was a Guest Scientist for the GEMS Summer Camp presenting an Oil Spill demonstration on Wednesday, June 15th and Thursday, July 7th.

Dr. Tchavdar Marinov was a Guest Scientist for the GEMS Summer Camp presenting a Mathematics Seminar on Kangaroo Math on Wednesday, July 6th.

Dr. Solomon Adekunle attended the Math Bench Workshop at the University of Maryland, College Park from June 12-13.

Dr. Solomon Adekunle attended the Synthetic Biology Workshop at Western Missouri State University, St. Joseph City, MO from June 13-18.

Dr. Solomon Adekunle attended MicroArray Training at the Hampton University, Hampton, VA from June 21-22.

Dr. Solomon Adekunle attended the Gordon Research

Conferences in Human Genetics and Genomics at Salve Regina University, Newport, Rhode Island from July 17-22.

Dr. Murty Kambhampati went to Brookhaven National Labs with three of his research interns to participate in the Summer 2011 FaST Program on June 5th

Dr. Murty Kambhampati participated in NSF's Joint Annual Meeting (JAM 2011) in Washington, D. C. from June 6th to 8th.

Three Biology majors were awarded BNK FaST and SULI Research Internships for ten weeks (June 5th – August 12, 2011)

Dr. Murty Kambhampati successfully completed the E3MaS Summer Enrichment Program (SEP) for High School Students; Summer Undergraduate Research Experiences (SURE) program for undergraduate STEM students (SURE Program Closing Ceremony is scheduled for July 29th); and the Summer Enrichment for Teachers (SET) program for High School teaching at SUNO.

Dr. Lisa Mims-Devezin attended the Board of Regents meeting referencing the LA Transfer Degree in June.

Dr. Lisa Mims-Devezin was a judge for the Summer Enrichment Program (SEP) and presented at the Emerging Technologies for On-Line Learning Conference in San Jose, California from July 10- 13, 2011.

Department of Social Science – July, 2011
Dr. John Penny, Chair

Dr. John Penny
Provided criminological consultation commentary to television channels 4, 6 and 8; attended a meeting with the National Institute & Social Justice Committee, who is planning a conference in New Orleans, La. in October. Dr. Penny is a board member with this organization.

Several meetings were held with collaborating partners in attempting to provide services to the Orleans Parish Criminal Sheriff's Department. Dr. Penny is the Director of the Re-Entry Program. (This program is designed to assist formerly incarcerated inmates with a therapeutic milieu. Also, Dr. Penny assists them in gaining transitional housing, as well as transitional employment, etc.; attended a training meeting at the Dixon Correctional Center where he was a guest presenter. Again, this is connected with the Re-Entry Program.

Interviewed candidates for Criminal Justice, Psychology and Substance Abuse Programs positions.

Two of our master level graduates were promoted to Director and Assistant Director of the Federal Halfway House. The federal halfway house is run by Volunteers of America and is a branch of the Federal Re-Entry Program.

The Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) held a multi cultural advisory council meeting. Dr. Penny is a Board Member.

Was interviewed on the New Orleans Public Access Channel with Skip Alexander.

Participated in a documentary with Ms. Fox Rich and Fox

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Rich Productions. (Journey of Americas Convicted Felons)

Dr. Evelyn Harrell
Attended the Annual Louisiana Association for Substance Abuse, Counseling and Trainers held in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Dr. George Amedee
Continues to serve on the New Orleans Recreational Committee.

Dr. Ronald Pedro
Dr. Pedro has submitted a proposal for a grant in collaboration with the Science Department.

To date, the Criminal Justice Department has accepted over 25 new candidates for the Master's Program.

General Studies – June, 2011 Staff Meetings

Several staff meetings were held for the month of June to discuss new pre-registration procedures that would enhance the pre-registration process and that would accommodate the student advisees for Ms. Dumas-Haynes during her medical leave. Also, several meetings were scheduled for a review of procedures for processing transfer students to General Studies, updating current student files, developing cohort reports and retention activities.

Program Development

New retention procedures were implemented and reviewed with the staff to determine their effectiveness by the Director.

Revised pre-registration procedures were implemented to

accommodate student majors and incoming internal and external transfer students. The GSP administrative assistant and counselor reviewed all student files and contacted students to set up curriculum reviews and pre-advisement appointments. Letters were set to active and inactive students regarding their current status with the University inviting them to set up counseling sessions and to meet with the Director of GSP. The Director also met with all newly assigned students who failed courses or withdrew from courses during the past semester during the pre-registration and advisement process in conjunction with Program retention procedures.

Service-Learning Faculty Syllabi are currently being reviewed by the faculty and the Director of General Studies for preparation for the University Curriculum Committee review meeting to be scheduled during the Fall 2011 semester.

Staff Activities

Dr. Mary R. Vaughn
National Association of HBCU Title III Administrators, Inc. Conference Presenter, "HBCU's Making A Difference Through the Title III Programs". Presentation entitled: "Making the Transition from the University's Strategic Plan to a well-developed Title III Comprehensive Development Plan, June, 2011, Savannah, GA. Coordinated activities for the Service-Learning/E-Learning Grant developed courses. Developed and implemented new counseling, in-take for counseling, possible academic transfers (internal and exter-

nal), and follow-up procedures for General Studies Program students.

Developed and submitted cohort reports for the General Studies Program.

Coordinated retention activities in GSP.

Served on two student University Grievance Committee hearings.

Ms. Alfred Harris, Academic Counselor

Developed syllabus for the Service-Learning/E-Learning Program.

Assisted in the implementation of new student counseling, the compilation of data for cohort reporting, and retention activities.

Updated student files.

Ms. Daphne Williams, Administrative Assistant

Assisted in the preparation of the Service Learning and Quality Matters planning and preparation of program materials.

Assisted in the implementation of new student counseling, the compilation of data for cohort reporting, and retention activities.

Coordinated and updated student files.

General Studies – July, 2011 STAFF ACTIVITIES

Dr. Mary R. Vaughn
Coordinated activities for the Service-Learning/E-Learning Grant .

Completed Title III Grant Re-Application.

Coordinated retention activities, prepared reports on retention and completed academic tracking for 2010-2011 for General Studies Program students.

Developed and submitted co-

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hort reports for the General Studies Program as requested by the College Dean.
 Follow-up activities for University Grievance Committee hearings.
 Conducted student retention and tracking training sessions with staff.
 Participated in faculty Banner training.
 Pre-Registered for grant writing workshop Dillard University for September, 2011.
 Developed course syllabus for service-learning/e-learning capstone course.
 Developing two course syllabi for College of Education.
 Coordinating activities for course syllabi review of Service-Learning/e-Learning new courses for the University Curriculum Committee and Academic Affairs approval.
 Counseling and mentoring prospective transfer students and incoming majors.

Ms. Alfreda Harris, Academic Counselor
 Developed course syllabus for the Service-Learning/E-Learning Program.
 Assisted in the implementation of new student counseling, the compilation of data for cohort reporting, and retention activities.
 Updated student files.
 Participated in faculty Banner training.
 Participated in the "Teaching and Technology Trends: Updating Your Pedagogy",
 July 7, 2011.
 Served on the Criminal Justice faculty search committee for employment of two faculty.
 Developing on-line course syllabus for Criminal Justice Department.

Ms. Daphne Williams, Admin-

istrative Assistant
 Assisted in the Preparation of the Service Learning and Quality Matters planning and preparation of program materials.
 Assisted in the implementation of new student counseling, the compilation of data for cohort reporting, and retention activities.
 Participated in staff Banner training.
 Coordinated activities related to updating student files.
 Managed "student in-take" process to prepare students for counseling and the exit meeting with the Director.

Health Information Management System – June, 2011
 Ms. Andrea Mignott, Director

Andrea Mignott
 Ms. Mignott continues to advise and council new and continuing students.

Ms. Mignott attended the Dean's Council Meeting on April 22, 2011.

Ms. Mignott continues to work on the HIMS accreditation.

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

Ms. Mignott continues to work on Self Study.

Ms. Mignott continues to work on HIMS Student Handbook.

Laura Douresseaux
 Ms. Douresseaux continues researching Grant opportunities for HIMS Program.

Ms. Douresseaux worked on syllabi for fall semester.

Ms. Douresseaux is incorporating new software (VLab) into HIMS 320 & 320L for the Fall semester.

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Ms. Douresseaux continues to work on syllabi for fall semester.

Ms. Douresseaux continues to prepare VLab for HIMS 320/HIMS 320L for fall semester.

Museum Studies – June, 2011
 Dr. Sara J. Hollis, Director

Dr. Yu Jiang
 June 2011 Activities
 In June 2011 Dr. Jiang served the University through the following capacities: teaching, research, and services. In each week Tuesday through Wednesday, as well as other days as needed, Dr. Jiang met with his MUSE625 Internship in Museum Work and MUSE695 Independent Study students one by one, and provided proper and timely guidance regarding

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their course of study.

Dr. Jiang is translating his English article, entitled "Some Pre-Tang and Tang Ceramic Ewers: Roosters or Phoenixes" into Chinese, and plans to submit it to a core Chinese art or archaeology journal.

Dr. Jiang attended the luncheon presided by Dr. Sara Hollis on Saturday June 11. At the luncheon, students who in Summer School came and interacted with fellow students and the faculty (Drs. Hollis and Jiang).

Dr. Jiang served as the Assistant Professor of Museum Studies Search Committee chair in June.

On Monday June 13, Dr. Jiang and Dr. Hollis met with Dr. William Beslie, Director of SUNO's Grants Office, on improving the proposal to the LA Board of Regents. At the meeting, we also decided to collaborate with colleagues from the Natural Sciences department, particularly Chemistry and Biology, to develop a grant proposal on a conservation and preservation project.

Tuesday June 14, Dr. Jiang and Dr. Hollis held a meeting at the New Orleans Museum of Art Cafe with the Xavier Art Faculty to discuss their students coming to M.A. Museum Studies after they graduate, and to plan writing a grant for an exhibition of works by faculty members from Xavier, Dillard, SUNO, possibly Southern Baton Rouge and Grambling.

On Friday June 17, Dr. Jiang attended a lecture given by Dr. Rosyln Walker, Curator of African Art at Dallas Museum of Art, entitled "Olowe of Ise: A Yoruba Sculptor to Kings." At

the lecture, Dr. Sara Hollis, Dr. Henry Mokosso (Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences), Dr. Richard Long, who spoke a SUNO in November, and several current and former Museum Studies students were present as well.

On Wednesday June 22, Dr. Jiang attended SUNO's Registration Planning Meeting in Administration Building 307, hosted by Vice Chancellor Dr. Donna Grant. At the meeting, issues of Banner training and registration for students, registration dates, time and location for fall 2011, materials, and advising were discussed. Dr. Jiang noted that signs and maps for the location should be provided on campus so that first-time students who are unfamiliar with SUNO's campus can have better orientation.

On the same day of Wednesday June 22 at noon, Dr. Jiang attended the Contemporary Visual Arts Association of New Orleans (CVAANO) Marketing Committee meeting. At the meeting, Dr. Jiang vigorously promoted the Museum Studies Program by outlining the recent development in the Program, including the hiring of the new faculty, Dr. David M. M. Riep, the recent graduation of 15 students in May 2011, expansion of the curriculum (Asian Art), and planned grant writing for enhancing the Program. After the meeting, Dr. Jiang discussed the course MUSE625 Internship in Museum Work, which he is current teaching, with Ms. Amanda Brinkman, CVAANO's Project Manager).

On Wednesday June 29, Dr.

Jiang attended Dr. Sara Hollis's show "A Life in Fabrics – Forty Years of Creating Beauty with Cloth" at the J. W. Marriot Hotel in Downtown New Orleans.

Dr. Sara Hollis
June 2011 Activities

Dr. Sara Hollis, Director of M.A. Museum Studies, is best known for her teaching and research, but she is also a practicing artist. On June 29th, she had a one-person exhibition of her Quilted Fabric Collage Wall Hangings at the J.W. Marriott Hotel on Canal Street in New Orleans. This was her fourth exhibition in that venue over the last two years. This most recent one was entitled, A Life in Fabric-Forty Years of Creating Beauty with Cloth. Dr. Hollis has a small gallery at Le Boulevard Marketplace on Veterans Boulevard. A number of small wall hangings from the exhibition are now hanging in her gallery at Le Boulevard, (#194, LA Mermaid Gallery). She also has several quilts on display along with the quilt group she belongs to (Beecher Memorial Church Quilt Group led by Cely Pedescleaux) at the New Orleans African American Museum in Treme.

Dr. Hollis' two areas of Art History expertise are African Art, both traditional and contemporary, and African American art. While the current exhibition, Ancestors of Congo Square, is on exhibition at NOMA, she has attended a weekly Friday Night lecture and walk-through.

Dr. Hollis has attended many

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exhibitions, art openings, cultural events, and museum activities in the month of June. These have taken place at Stella Jones Gallery, the New Orleans African American Museum, the McKenna Museum of African American art, Myesha Francis Gallery, the J.W. Marriott, and other venues.

Both Dr. Hollis and Dr. Jiang attended the Banner Training in the IT Building for Faculty Members. Dr. Hollis has been steadily pre-registering M.A. Museum Studies students for the Fall 2011 semester. She has about 25 students pre-registered already. A few more have been accepted but are just not in the computer yet.

Dr. Norma Wolff, Cultural Anthropologist and scholar in the area of African art and healing, is donating a small collection of African art and artifacts to M.A. Museum Studies as a teaching collection. The new MUSE professor, Dr. David Riep is going to bring the art collection to SUNO when he and his family drive down to move to Louisiana for the Fall Semester 2011. Dr. Wolff and Dr. Hollis met when at Indiana University in the late 60's. Dr. Wolff has spoken at SUNO in the past and so is familiar with our campus and emphasis on African and African American studies. She has followed the progress of SUNO's M.A. Museum Studies Program and wanted to help.

College of Business & Public Administration:
Dr. Igwe Udeh, Dean
Report on Major College of Business Activities: June and July, 2011

Accreditation:
On July 19, 2011, CBA re-

ceived a letter from AACSB International listing the names of the Peer Review Team members who have been appointed for SUNO's initial accreditation visit in 2012. The on-campus accreditation visit will take place from October 21 to 24, 2012. In preparation for this visit, CBA is expected to submit a comprehensive Self Evaluation Report addressing all 21 AACSB accreditation review standards by April 2012.

Interior and external finishing touches are ongoing for the new College of Business & Public Administration Building as of July 27, 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 plan to start moving into the new building by the second week of July 2011.

Pradere Office Products of New Orleans, LA was selected to provide furniture for the new CBA building. The contract was awarded on Tuesday, June 21, 2011. Pradere has already taken steps to ensure that the furniture is delivered on a timely manner.

The CBA Dean, Dr. Igwe E. Udeh, the CBA Coordinator of Accreditation Services, Dr. Frank Martin, and members of CBA's LGCA Committee have been working to refine the learning goals, objectives, and rubrics used to assess several student learning objectives, including ethics, written

and oral communication, based on findings from data collected over the previous two years.

CBA has extended three job offers to faculty applicants to replace some of the faculty members reassigned to units outside the CBA. The hiring process for two of college anticipates hiring four faculty members to meet its instructional, research, service, and AACSB accreditation needs.

Conference Attendance

Dr. Igwe E. Udeh, Dean of the College of Business & Public Administration, attended the 2011 National HBCU Business Deans' Roundtable Summit from June 2-4, 2011, in Orlando, Florida. Dr. Udeh was also elected to the Executive Cabinet of the Roundtable as the Secretary of the HBCU Business Deans Roundtable for the 2011-2012 fiscal period during the business meeting of the Roundtable. The Roundtable is made up of the deans and directors of business programs from over 100 HBCUs in the United States.

Dr. Igwe E. Udeh served as Facilitator for the "Sustainability in Business Schools" session on Saturday, June 4, 2011 during the 2011 National HBCU Business Deans' Roundtable Summit, in Orlando, Florida. The presenter was Dr. Robert Barrett, Dean, College of Business, South Carolina State University. The session focused on various issues of sustainability facing business schools in general and HBCUs in particular.

Professional Outreach to Students & Community:

Dr. Louis Mancuso, Professor of Marketing in the Business

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Entrepreneurship Department, coached several CBA students who participated in and competed during The White House Urban Entrepreneur Forum & Entrepreneurship Competition on July 20, 2011. The conference and competition were sponsored by the White House Business Council, the Office of Public Engagement, the Domestic Policy Council, and Xavier University of New Orleans. SUNO's College of Business had three teams competing in the Entrepreneurship Competition: Tonia Simmons-Doakes, MGIS Graduate Student (Doakes Real Estate Investment Company, LLC); Chaz Tanner, MGIS Graduate Student (TC Solar Powered Flatboat Oil Skimmers, LLC); and Nyisha Walton, Business Entrepreneurship Junior (Walton Enterprise Trucking, LLC). The judges were themselves nationally-renown successful entrepreneurs from around the country. SUNO's Chaz Tanner and his company, TC Solar Powered Flatboat Oil Skimmers, LLC placed in the top three out of numerous entrepreneurs from Louisiana and Mississippi that entered the contest.

Dr. Frank Martin, Chair of the Business Entrepreneurship Department, 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 (formerly Harrah's) Casino in June 23, and July 20, 2011.

Louisiana Economic Development (LED)

Small and Emerging Business Development (SEBD) Quarterly Meeting

The Quarterly Meeting was held July 14, 2011 at the State Library in Baton Rouge. SBDMI staff (Cynthia Beaulieu) showed a promotional video on the NxLevel Entrepreneurial Training Program. Kathryn Tousant also did a short presentation about one of our SEBD client that is considered one of our success stories.

Meeting to Discuss the Formation of a Southern System Small Business Coalition

The meeting was held at Southern University at Baton Rouge (SBIR), on June 21 and 22, 2011. This was our fourth meeting. During this meeting the group narrowed down our strategies to meet our five main objectives. Mr. John Matthews, Executive Director, LED Small Business Services, was a guest at the meeting. The group briefed him in general on the goal of this State – Wide Southern System Coalition. Mr. Matthews also presented to the group the overall focus and direction of LED as it relates to small business services state wide.

The ultimate purpose of the Southern System Small Business Coalition is to develop a program that would coordinate across the state work being done by Southern University in Baton Rouge, Shreveport, and New Orleans campuses, regarding business development and sustainability. Through this undertaking, we hope to improve/expand/support each campus's efforts across the state.

Areas on which the group will focus at this early stage are: incubating small, minority, and student enterprises; coordinating partnerships (e.g. SBDC); developing a public/private framework; building a unique relationship for sustainable business development in rural, urban, and all sectors in-between throughout Louisiana. Attendees of meeting: Kenyetta Nelson-Smith, Rural Center, Baton Rouge; Cynthia Hester, Shreveport; Will Campbell, SBDC, Baton Rouge; Gloria London, Rural Center, Baton Rouge; Darin Dixon, Small Business Incubator, Shreveport; Cynthia Beaulieu, SBDMI, SUNO; Janice Sneed, Shreveport

Louisiana Workforce Commission
Incumbent Workers Training Program Social Service Contract

SBDMI has submitted its first invoice for program activities for the Incumbent Worker Training Program (IWTP), which commenced on May 25, 2011. A monitoring visit was done on July 13, 2011, as well as numerous phone calls and e-mails to the employer (RSI) and the trainer (QSSI). Staff additionally visited the Workforce Commission office in Baton Rouge on July 1, 2011. The IWTP has been mandated by the Southern University System Board of Supervisors. SUNO-SBDMI applied and received funding for \$150,727. This funding is a foundational opportunity for SUNO to be involved in this Workforce Commission Initiative. The IWTP contract is

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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) June-July 2011 Report
Ms. Timotea Bailey, Director of the Office of Student Services reported the following activities:

Consulted with SUNO's Data Tracking Manager to "synchronize" our cohort data
Continuously reached out to cohort students and others to get eligible students registered for Fall 2011

Continuously reached out to suspended and probation students to discuss academic recovery and reinstatement

Monitored progress of all potential 2011-2012 graduates
Graduation Applications for all 26 potential Fall candidates have been prepared

Making move preparations for OSS

Continuously to updating student files

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

August, 2011

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

NAME OF CHANCELLOR: FREDDIE PITCHER, JR.

CAMPUS: SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER

DATE: AUGUST, 2011

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS

*Chancellor Freddie Pitcher, Jr., Featured Prominently Among Speakers at the
Recent Funeral Service for Pioneer Jurist Ralph Eric Tyson*



Chancellor Freddie Pitcher, Jr., featured prominently among speakers at the recent funeral service for pioneer jurist Ralph Eric Tyson.

Chancellor Pitcher reflected on his 40-year friendship with Judge Tyson. His rise from humble beginnings to prominent jurist mirrors that of Chancellor Pitcher. The two met in 1972 when Pitcher, a Southern University Law Center student enrolled in summer classes at the Paul M. Hebert Law Center at LSU.

“Ralph was the only African-American student at the Law School,” Pitcher said. “Together that summer, we made up a total diversity population of two.”

Pitcher shared his favorite memories of his friend, from their early days with the State Attorney General’s office to Tyson’s sense of humor during “high teas” at their first practice on Plank Road in Baton Rouge.

Chancellor Pitcher went on to recall that he and Ralph “hold the distinction of being the first African Americans to represent the State of Louisiana in a criminal case in East and West Feliciana parishes as prosecutors. He said, we were assigned the prosecution of an attempted escape case from Angola that was to be tried in St. Francisville. We prepared our witnesses, and finally got notice of a preliminary hearing. Off we went on the hearing date. It was our very first court appearance. There we were, brand new lawyers, wearing brand new suits with new brief cases. When we walked into the court—with our new lawyer swagger, the Judge yelled to the deputy, “Seize those men.” We froze in our tracks. Here it is, our first day in court and getting on the wrong side of the judge already.

John Sinuefield, our Section Chief, stood up and said, “Judge, they are Assistant Attorneys General,” to which the Judge replied, “They are what?” Sinuefield again said, “They are Assistant Attorneys General.” We were then invited into the courtroom. Moreover, when we swung open the courtroom door, we didn’t realize that we were walking into a hearing that was closed to the public. Making this day even more interesting was the fact that during the hearing, the Judge could not get it straight as to which side we were representing. The defendant, an African American, was represented by a white attorney. The Judge’s world was turned upside down. His confusion escalated each time we made an objection on behalf of the State. He had to take a recess to get things straightened out.

Pitcher continued, Ralph’s strong work ethic and penchant for perfection began to take shape as he sparred with the likes of “The Black Nudge”, a notorious writ writer from the Louisiana State Prison at Angola. The Nudge would file a writ about almost anything (no 2-ply paper in the restrooms at Angola). Ralph was obligated to file an answer and argue the merits in court. On many evenings, Ralph was left alone in the office library working on a writ response or preparing for oral arguments. One evening, I asked Ralph, why are you working so hard on that case? His response was, “I can’t afford to lose to the Nudge – you all would laugh me out of the building.” And he was right! That work ethic quickly carried over to the private practice in their law office established on Plank Road in Baton Rouge. They quickly developed a reputation of providing excellent client representation and service.

Judge Tyson fought cancer with a quiet determination, never complaining about his prognosis, several speakers said. “When days were darkest and we went to talk to him, we would leave feeling consoled by him,” Chancellor Pitcher said.

Two Legal Analysis and Writing Professors to Join Faculty



Two legal analysis and writing professors will join the SULC faculty this fall, Professor Gail Stephenson, Director of Legal Analysis and Writing, announced June 30.

The new professors are Michele Butts formerly of John Marshall School of Law and William “Bill” Blais of DePaul, Duke, and Ave Maria Schools of Law.

Butts earned an A.B. from Syracuse University in Public Relations and Modern Foreign Languages and a J.D. from the University of Florida. She taught Legal Research and Writing for six years at John Marshall. Before teaching, she practiced complex litigation in Atlanta.

Blais holds an A.B. in English from the University of Chicago and a J.D. from Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT) Chicago-Kent College of Law. He has six years of experience teaching Legal Research and Writing and also taught a bar passage course at Ave Maria. Before teaching, he practiced commercial litigation in Illinois and Iowa.

Fall Semester and 2011 Orientation Open August 11

Chief Justice Catherine D. Kimball of the Louisiana Supreme Court, Louisiana State Bar Association President James J. Davidson, III, and Barry H. Grodsky of the LSBA Committee on the Profession will address the 2011 incoming class of 250 students at the annual Southern University Law Center Orientation at 10 a.m., Thursday, August 11, in the Cotillion Ballroom of the SU Smith-Brown Memorial Student Union. Chancellor Freddie Pitcher, Jr., SBA President Yesha Pittman, and SULC faculty, staff, and alumni will greet the new students, who will participate in the Student Orientation on Professionalism, conducted by the LSBA Committee on the Profession.

Chief Justice Kimball was elected Associate Justice of the Louisiana Supreme Court in November 1991, becoming the first woman to serve on that Court. She served as District Judge in the 18th Judicial District prior to being elected to the Supreme Court.

Davidson, the 71th LSBA President, is senior partner in the Lafayette firm of Davidson, Meaux, Sonnier, McElligott, Fontenot, Gideon, & Edwards, L.L.P. Davidson follows in the footsteps of his father, J.J. Davidson, Jr., who served as LSBA President in 1957-58 — a rare occurrence in the history of the LSBA to have both a father and his son

elected to the presidency. Davidson was admitted to the practice of law in Louisiana in 1964.

Grodsky of the LSBA Committee on the Profession will give an introduction and overview of the orientation before the students attend breakout sessions conducted by volunteer alumni members of the bar.

On The Go

*Vice Chancellor Russell Jones, Academic Affairs, has been named to serve on the Louisiana Bar Foundation Capital Area Community Partnership Panel, July 1, 2011-June 30, 2012, and to a two-year appointment as a member of the Louisiana State Bar Association Board of Governors, beginning July 1. Jones received a \$21,250 grant from the Louisiana Bar Foundation for the Marshall-Brennan Project. His latest evidence textbook, *Problems, Cases, and Materials in Louisiana Evidence*, with Harges, has been published by Esquire Books, Inc.*

Professor. Gail Stephenson presented "The Art of Written Persuasion," during the Baton Rouge Bar Association's Nuts and Bolts CLE Seminar: Communication Skills in Trial Advocacy, July 8.

Associate Vice Chancellor Berryl Gordon-Thompson, Academic Support Programs, attended the 2011 Institute for Law Teaching and Learning Annual Conference: Engaging and Assessing Our Students in New York City, June 1-4.

Alumni News

Cornelius Graves, '10, has joined Winston-Salem State University as Interim Director of Government and Community Relations. Since residing in North Carolina, Graves has focused his efforts in the area of government relations, having been a contributing staff member on the campaign committee for a newly elected state senator and a state representative.

Marcus A. Augustine, '09, was recently appointed to the Associate Board of the Just the Beginning Foundation ("JTBF"). The JTBF was founded almost 20 years ago as a not-for-profit organization of judges, lawyers, and other citizens who are dedicated to improving the legal system, preserving the history, and honoring the legacy of African-Americans in the federal judiciary. Today, JTBF continues this mission by offering pipeline programs directly aimed at inspiring young students and increasing diversity in the legal profession and judiciary. Augustine, former Editor-in-Chief of the Southern University Law Review, currently practices in the Chicago office of Sibley Austin LLP, where he counsels clients involved in securities litigation, SEC enforcement actions, and white collar criminal investigations.



Maya Evans, '94, an Assistant Attorney General in the Child Support Division's Dallas East office, was named "Assistant Attorney General of the Year" for her commitment to Texas children. One assistant attorney general from each of the state's nine child support

regions, along with an assistant attorney general from the main office in Austin, is honored based on recommendations from their peers and supervisors, with a particular focus on employees who are willing to go beyond their normal duties to serve Texas children. Evans, who joined the Office of the Attorney General in 2003, was recently promoted to managing attorney of the Dallas East office. She is responsible for enforcing legal orders under some of the most challenging circumstances, such as when the parent who owes child or medical support is difficult to locate or lives in another state or country.



Dwazendra J. Smith, '09, was recently awarded the Pro Bono Century Award for devoting more than 100 hours of pro bono services. Smith received the award at the 2011 LSBA Pro Bono Publico & Children's Law Award Ceremony held in May at the Louisiana Supreme

Court. Former SBA President and former symposium editor for the Journal of Race,

Gender, and Poverty, Smith is currently an Associate at the law firm of Davidson, Meaux, Sonnier, McElligott, Fontenot, Gideon & Edwards. Her areas of concentration are litigation and premises liability.

Special Problems

None.

Significant Administrative or Policy Changes

None.

IN MEMORIAM

Federal District Court Chief Judge and Former SU Adjunct Professor Ralph E. Tyson Dies

Ralph E. Tyson, longtime Baton Rouge jurist, died July 18 after a lengthy battle with cancer.

Visitation was held from 6 to 9 p.m., Friday, July 22 at Wesley United Methodist Church. Funeral service was held on Saturday, July 23 at First United Methodist Church, Baton Rouge.

During his legal career, he was an instructor in the SU Sociology/Law Enforcement Department, 1989 to 1998.

Judge Tyson is survived by his wife, Patricia Jordan Tyson and children, Christopher, Todd, Eric and Cara.

Funeral Service Held for Judge Randy E. Collins, '81, of Shreveport

Funeral service for Shreveport City Court Judge Randy E. Collins, '81, was held Saturday, July 30, at 11 a.m. at the New Greenwood Baptist Church, Greenwood, Louisiana. Burial followed in Lincoln Memorial Park, Shreveport.

Judge Collins, 55, died Saturday, July 23, after a lengthy illness. A native of Shreveport, he was first elected to the bench in 1997 and was a practicing attorney from 1982 until his election.



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SUSLA Hosted Reception for State Farm Bayou Classic Road Show Kick Off

On Wednesday, July 27th the Southern University at Shreveport Louisiana (SUSLA) campus hosted a reception in the SU Museum of Arts-Shreveport as part of the State Farm Bayou Classic Road Show Kick Off that consisted of six cities in three days. Chuck Morris, marketing director of the State Farm Bayou Classic, stated "The focus of the *My Bayou Class Road Show* is to bring the excitement of the State Farm Bayou



Classic to Southern (SU) and Grambling State University (GSU) alumni, students and fans in the Gulf South".

Shreveport's Mayor, The Honorable Cedric B. Glover extended greetings on behalf of friends and supporters from



SU Head Coach, Stump Mitchell, SUMAS Coordinator, Carolyn Coatney and Dr. Ray L. Belton

the City of Shreveport. SU and GSU alumni, State Farm agents and community representatives and all who love the Bayou Classic had an opportunity to meet Southern University's head football coach, Stump Mitchell and Grambling State University's interim athletic director, Aaron James.

According to Coach Mitchell, this year's Bayou Classic features several new



events, including a Thanksgiving Day Parade, 70's House Party, Inspirational Brunch, Technology Showcase, Fan Festival, KaBOOM! playground for the children and the HBCU summit - a conversation of issues important to Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

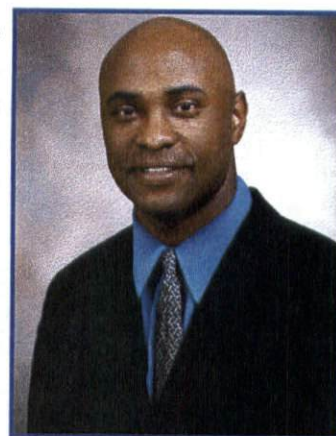
The signature event of the Bayou Classic is the football game scheduled for November 26, 2011 that will feature one of America's greatest college sports rivalries, bringing the fans and alumni of Southern University and Grambling State University to New Orleans for a celebration of football, family and the traditions and pageantry surrounding Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

“Researching Today for a Better Tomorrow” HBCU-UP Summer Science Research Program Symposium 2011

Southern University at Shreveport Louisiana (SUSLA) was awarded a five-year comprehensive implementation project through NSF-HBCU-UP Program. The objective of the project is to strengthen Sciences, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) programs at SUSLA. “We propose to enhance and strengthen STEM curricula, undergraduate research, student recruitment and retention, and faculty professional development” says Dr. Barry Hester, PI/Director of the Program.

According to Dr. Hester, undergraduate research experience is one of the most crucial factors that influence a student’s decision to undertake research or academic career. Students interested in STEM careers need to develop these skills and there is no better way than through hand-on training on research. The primary focus of the STEM-undergraduate research experience program will be to encourage and facilitate the pursuit of research careers. A second purpose of the program is to assist students with interests in other science-based careers so that they gain an appreciation for the nature of research. Additional objectives include: 1) introducing students to a diversity of science and technology research, 2) preparing students for independent research, 3) fostering self-confidence and team-working ability in observation, recording, and interpreting data, 4) providing close working interaction between the faculty and student, leading to excellent mentorship opportunities, 5) providing opportunities for oral and written communications of research findings, 6) providing career guidance and information about scientific professions in academia, government, and industry, and 7) assisting students in meeting financial obligations.

The STEM enrichment activities at SUSLA are certainly to increase student awareness of high quality research in these areas. Eleven (11) students, Taylor S. Brooks, Annie P. Clark, Ellington D. Dias, Elizabeth Dyas, Kristen D. Gilliam, Anthonia Q. Hall, LonTravia B. Morris, Charles E. Newton, Aterica Pearson, Andrenique Robinson and Josie C. Young, participated Thursday, July 28, 2011 presenting their Summer research work. Student were asked to present their research orally (power point presentation). Oral presentations used the follow the format of a professional scientific meeting. Mentors for the Summer Program were Dr. John Alak, Dr. Joseph Orban, Dr. Tracy Reed and Dr. Barry Hester. This symposium was open to the public, mentors, faculty and mentors from the partner institutions. Written reports adhered



Dr. Barry Hester, Chairman
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to scientific publication format and were reviewed as described in the program evaluation techniques. The existence of STEM projects on the SUSLA campus community will provide students with wide exposure to become familiar with research programs during the academic years. SUSLA has established partnerships with other institutions, federal labs and private companies who will offer the students opportunities to participate in research during the summer. In the past, scientists from these institutions have been very supportive of our undergraduate enrichment

programs. They have come to the SUSLA campus to present seminars, to extend their support and have invited our faculty and students to visit their laboratories. We strongly feel that the SUSLA STEM enrichment activities will foster students’ scientific interest in the pursuit of research careers in the STEM areas.

SUSLA's School of Nursing Pinning Ceremony – Summer 2011

Southern University at Shreveport – School of Nursing held a pinning ceremony on July 28, 2011 for the maiden group of students completing requirements for the Nursing Assistant Certificate. The program admitted its first class of 20 students on June 6, 2011, with completion on July 26, 2011. Of the 15 students completing the program, all were CPR certified with a 100% success rate on the CNA registry exam. The School of Nursing has provisionally admitted 60 students for the fall 2011 semester.



The School of Nursing received an official letter of notification, dated June 21, 2011 of approval to begin development of a Licensed Practical Nursing program, from the Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners. It is proposed that the program will admit students in the summer 2012 semester.

Radiologic Technology Students Honored in Pinning Ceremony

On Tuesday, August 9th, Southern University at Shreveport's Radiologic Technology Program seniors will be honored at the Riverview Convention Center at 6:00 pm. This program will signify the successful completion of all program requirements. It also celebrates the dedication, hard work and sacrifices it took to complete this rigorous two-year program. The following students will be pinned Keana Atkins, Jose Cardenas, Michael Carte, Sarah Daniels, Mashanda Green, Gary Jiles, Blair Lawrence Burrow, Justin Lee, Amber Pinkney, Natalie Rocket, Gregory Sheppard, Dominique Smith, John Sumner, Erica Sweet, Nikia Thomas, Brittany Walker, and Kathryn William.



Markey W. Pierre
Keynote Speaker

Family, friends, the Southern University family, and clinical educational partners have been invited to attend. Attendees will enjoy the night celebrating the achievements of the Southern University at Shreveport's Radiologic Technology honorees collectively and individually, and reminiscing about their personal experiences while in the program.

The honorees selected Markey W. Pierre" to serve as their keynote speaker. Ms. Pierre is a valuable member of the Southern Strategy team. She is a well known and respected civic leader in the Shreveport community. The program is quite excited about the fact that 4 of the 17 honorees have been hired. This is clearly in alignment with the role, scope and mission of Southern University at Shreveport.

Congratulations!
2011 Radiologic Technology
Graduates



“From GED’s To College Degrees”

The “*From GED’s To College Degrees*” is a new innovative program at Southern University at Shreveport (SUSLA) that moves more American adults through the postsecondary education pipeline. GED holders account for a large proportion of adults who are omitted from the postsecondary education system.

Ms. Tiffany Manning, Tutor Coordinator for Student Support Services (SSS) and the Principal Investigator for this Project, envisioned a need to embark on developing this program to meet these specific needs as it relates to the goals of the Quality Enhancement Plan at SUSLA. This program will increase the persistent rate of the students served by 69% from semester to semester. SSS is proud to be a leader in making a difference and improving the academic environment at SUSLA. This Project will provide effective strategies to move GED Holders at Southern University at Shreveport (SUSLA) towards education and economic success.

The program will commence during the Fall, 2011 semester. It is a grant that is funded by the Board of Regents.



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