

# **SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**(Following the Bayou Classic Committee)**

**Friday, June 24, 2011**

Health and Physical Education Building

Southern University – Park Campus

6400 Press Drive

New Orleans, Louisiana

## **AGENDA**

1. Call to Order and Invocation
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of the Agenda
4. Public Comments
5. Action Items
  - A. Minutes of the May 13, 2011 regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors
  - B. Committee Reports and Recommendations (June 24, 2011 meetings)
    - 1.) Academic Affairs Committee
    - 2.) Facilities and Property Committee
    - 3.) Finance and Audit Committee
    - 4.) Governance Committee
    - 5.) Personnel Affairs Committee
    - 6.) Bayou Classic Committee
    - 7.) Legal Affairs Committee
  - C. Resolutions
6. Informational Reports
  - A. System Report
  - B. Chancellors Reports
7. Other Business
8. Adjournment

**Southern University Board of Supervisors**

Friday, May 13, 2011

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

Southern University and A & M College

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

**Minutes**

The meeting of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by the Chairman, Mr. Darren G. Mire. The invocation was given by Atty. Patrick O. Jefferson.

**Present**

Mr. Darren G. Mire, Chairman  
Atty. Murphy F. Bell, Vice Chairman  
Mr. Patrick W. Bell  
Mr. Richard J. Caiton  
Atty. Randale L. Gaines  
Mr. Walter Guidry  
Mr. Myron K. Lawson  
Atty. Patrick D. Magee  
Mr. Murphy Nash, Jr.  
Mr. Randale Scott

**Absent**

Atty. Tony M. Clayton  
Atty. Walter C. Dumas  
Atty. Warren A. Forstall  
Atty. Patrick D. Magee  
Mrs. Lea P. Montgomery  
Mr. Achilles Williams

**University Personnel**

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

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**Board Counsel**

Attys. Winston DeCuir, Jr. and Tracie Woods

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

On motion of Mr. Bell, seconded by Atty. Jefferson, the agenda was adopted, as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

Amendment: Add Item 5C: Legislative Update  
5D: Ethics Disclosure

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

None

### **AGENDA ITEM 5: SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

Mr. Randale Scott was recognized and presented an award of appreciation from the Board for his service as the Student Representative for the 2010-2011 year. Mr. Scott expressed his gratitude for having the opportunity to serve on the Board. He also announced that he has been admitted to the SU Law Center in Fall 2011.

### **AGENDA ITEM 6: ACTION ITEMS**

A. Minutes of the April 29, 2011 regular meeting of the Southern University Board of Supervisors

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

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the minutes of the April 29, 2011 regular meeting of the Southern University Board of Supervisors be and they are hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

### **AGENDA ITEM 6B: COMMITTEE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

Motion carried unanimously.

1.) Finance and Audit Committee

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Finance and Audit Committee, that tuition increase listed below academic years 2011 through 2015 at Southern University at New Orleans be and they are hereby approved.

- Grad Act – 5%
- 3-4-5 Plan – 5%
- Out-of-State fee - 18.9%

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**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Finance and Audit Committee, that tuition increases listed below for academic years 2011 through 2015 at Southern University – Shreveport be and they are hereby approved.

- Grad Act – 5%
- 3-4-5 Plan – 4%

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Informational Reports

- Impact of Changes in Pell Grants Federal Guidelines for Summer School
- Summary of 2010-2011 Operating Budget and Projected Fiscal Impact of the 2011-2012 Executive Budget
- 2009-2010 Audit Findings and Corrective Action Plans
- Southern University operations and process support.
- Banner Project Implementation

2.) Facilities and Property Committee

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

Informational Items

- Priority Capital Projects, by Campus, as of May 2, 2011
- SUBR Evacuation Plan in case of flooding potential materializes

3.) S.U. Laboratory School Committee

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

Informational Report – Update on the SU Laboratory School

4.) Academic Affairs Committee

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee, that the Tenure Appeal Review Procedures for the Board of Supervisors be and it is hereby approved, as amended.

The amendment deletes the word "confidential" from Item 2, line 1.

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**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee, that the administration's recommendation be and it is hereby upheld and the tenure appeal of Mr. Grant Burns at SUNO be and it is hereby denied.

C. Resolutions

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

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that condolences be and are hereby extended to the families listed below:

- The Ronald P. Townsend, Jr., Family
- The Mose Jefferson Family

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**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that congratulations be and they are hereby extended to:

**2011 Pinkie Gordon Lane Poetry Winners**

Destinee Hamilton, MSA Academy – 1<sup>st</sup> Place

Lea M. Fisher, BR Magnet High – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

Jasmine Moore, SUBR – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

**Honorable Mention**

Amanda Gibson – SUBR

Quintele Jackson – MSA Academy West

Russell Ledet – SUBR

Brycton Marshall – EBR Laboratory Academy

Dyadra Saulsberry - MSA Academy West

**Chancellor's Student Award for Academic Excellence**

Jasmine Marisa Payne, Elec. Eng.

**Business and Industry Cluster Award**

Stephone Addison – Faculty

Tracie Barton – Staff

Lakeeshia Giddens – Staff

Leslie Grover – Faculty

Darryl Harris – Staff

Vineeta Hingorani – Faculty

Sunj Chul No – Faculty

Terry Steward – Staff

Rae Uppa – Faculty

Jonas Vanderbilt - Staff

**AGENDA ITEM 7: INFORMATIONAL REPORTS**

A. System's Report – Project Positive Direction

B. Chancellor's Report

Reports are on file in the Board's Office.

C. Legislative Update

Mr. Patrick Bell reported that HB537 to merge SUNO and UNO recently was passed by the House Education Committee. The bill was subsequently pulled for a hearing on the floor of the House which is scheduled to take place at 2:00 p., Monday, May 16, 2011.

D. Ethics Disclosure

Mr. Bell reminded Board Members that their completed ethics disclosure forms should be filed on May 14.

**AGENDA ITEM 8: OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**AGENDA ITEM 9: ADJOURNMENT**

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

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Secretary, S.U. Board of Supervisors

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Chairman, S.U. Board of Supervisors

**FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE**

1:30 p.m.

Friday, May 13, 2011

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

**Minutes**

The meeting of the Finance and Audit Committee of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by the Chairman, Mr. Myron K. Lawson. The invocation was given by Atty. Patrick O. Jefferson.

**PRESENT**

Mr. Myron K. Lawson, Chairman

Atty. Patrick O. Jefferson

Mr. Randale Scott

Mr. Darren G. Mire, Ex Officio

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Board Members Atty. Randale Gaines, Mr. Walter Guidry and Mr. Patrick Bell were appointed to the Committee to effect a quorum.

**ABSENT**

Atty. Warren Forstall, Vice Chairman

Atty. Walter C. Dumas

Mrs. Lea P. Montgomery

**UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING**

System President Ronald Mason, Jr.

Evola Bates, Chief of Staff

System Vice Presidents Kevin Appleton, Tony Moore and Walter Tillman

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

Chancellor Freddie Pitcher (SULC) and Kofi Lomotey (SUBR)

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**BOARD COUNSEL**

Attys. Winston DeCuir, Jr., and Tracie Woods

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

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

Motion carried unanimously.



**AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEMS**

- A. Reallocation of Law Center Graduation Fees, SULC
- B. Fee Increases, AY 2011-2015, SUNO
- C. Fee Increases, AY 2011-2012, SUSLA

On motion of Mr. Bell, seconded by Atty. Jefferson, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, the following:

- Reallocation of the graduation fee of \$25.00 per Law Center graduate from the SU Alumni Federation to the SU Law Center to support its alumni activities
- Tuition increases, effective academic years 2011 through 2015 at Southern University at New Orleans
  - o Grad Act – 5%
  - o 3-4-5 Plan – 5%
  - o Out-of-State fee – 18.9%
- Tuition Increases, effective academic year 2011 -2012 at Southern University – Shreveport
  - o Grad Act – 5%
  - o 3-4-5 Plan – 4%

**AGENDA ITEM 6: INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

- A. Impact of Changes in the Pell Grant Federal Guidelines for Summer School

The Committee acknowledged receipt of the report from the Administration delineating the manner in which summer school would be impacted on each campus as a result of changes in the Pell Grant Federal Guidelines.

**AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Kevin Appleton, System Vice President for Finance, presented an update in the following areas:

- The 2010-2011 Operating Budget and projected fiscal impact of the 2011-2012 Executive Budget on entities of the SU System;
- 2009-2010 Audit Findings and Corrective Action Plans; and,
- The University's operations and process support. A full report of observations, findings and recommendations in this area will be presented at the June 24 meeting.

Mr. Tony Moore, System Vice President for Information Technology, provided an update on Banner System implementation on the three campuses in Finance, Human Resources, and Student Data Migration for 2011 and for Supplemental Modules.

**AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT**

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

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Secretary, S.U. Board of Supervisors

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Chairman, S.U. Board of Supervisors

**FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE**

Friday, May 13, 2011

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

Southern University and A & M College

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

**Minutes**

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

**PRESENT**

Mr. Walter Guidry, Chairman

Atty. Murphy F. Bell, Vice Chairman

Mr. Richard J. Caiton

Atty. Myron K. Lawson

Mr. Murphy Nash, Jr.

Mr. Darren G. Mire, Ex Officio

**ABSENT**

Atty. Walter C. Dumas

Atty. Warren Forstall

**UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING**

System President Ronald Mason, Jr.

Evola Bates, Chief of Staff

System Vice Presidents Kevin Appleton, Tony Moore and Walter Tillman

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

Chancellor Freddie Pitcher (SULC) and Kofi Lomotey (SUBR)

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**BOARD COUNSEL**

Attys. Winston DeCuir, Jr., and Tracie Woods

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

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

Motion carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**AGENDA ITEM 5: INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**A. Priority Capital Projects Update**

The Committee acknowledged receipt of the written update submitted by the Administration relative to the status of priority capital projects on each campus, as of May 2, 2011.

**AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS**

The Committee was advised of SUBR's evacuation plan and the use of sandbags in the event of flooding.

**AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT**

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

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Secretary, S.U. Board of Supervisors

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Chairman, S.U. Board of Supervisors

**SU LABORATORY SCHOOL COMMITTEE**  
Friday, May 13, 2011  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, J.S. Clark Administration Building  
Southern University and A & M College  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

**Minutes**

The meeting of the Laboratory School Committee of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by the Chairman, Mr. Murphy Nash, Jr.

**PRESENT**

Mr. Murphy Nash, Jr. Chairman  
Mr. Richard J. Caiton  
Mr. Myron K. Lawson  
Mr. Darren G. Mire, Ex Officio

**ABSENT**

Atty. Walter C. Dumas, Vice Chairman

**UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING**

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

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**BOARD COUNSEL**

Attys. Winston DeCuir, Jr., and Tracie Woods

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

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

Motion carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**AGENDA ITEM 5: INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**A. Status Report on the SU Laboratory School**

Committee Chairman Nash presented Ms. Akilah Ali, SU System Policy Analyst; and, Dr. Ronnie Harrison, newly-appointed Director of the Laboratory School to make the report.

Ms. Ali provided a historical account relative to the establishment and evolution of the Lab School on the Southern University Campus in Baton Rouge. She also reported on the appointment of a Select Committee at the level of the Board of Supervisors in 2006 which conducted an assessment of the School and formulated recommendations for its enhancement and continued viability in the areas of enrollment, facilities and finances. The current Committee was recently activated to ensure the continuing success of the Laboratory School.

Dr. Ronnie Harrison provided an update on the continuing progress being made at the Lab School. He noted that the Administration, along with faculty and parents, were working assiduously to address issues and concerns and foster the implementation of innovative policies and practices. He cited as an example of the innovative teaching and learning experiences offered at the Lab School, a movie created by the School's Movie Production Class which was recently viewed at a local Baton Rouge Theater. Positioning the Lab School to be the focal point for academic research and other educational opportunities for students is a priority objective of the administration.

Dr. Harrison extended an invitation to the Committee and Administration to visit the School at any time.

**AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT**

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

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Secretary, S.U. Board of Supervisors

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Chairman, S.U. Board of Supervisors

**ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
Friday, May 13, 2011  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, J.S. Clark Administration Building  
Southern University and A & M College  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

**Minutes**

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

**PRESENT**

Atty. Patrick O. Jefferson  
Mr. Walter Guidry, Vice Chairman  
Mr. Randale Scott  
Mr. Darren G. Mire, Ex Officio

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Atty. Murphy F. Bell, Jr. and Mr. Myron K. Lawson were appointed to the Committee to effect a quorum.

**ABSENT**

Atty. Tony M. Clayton  
Mrs. Lea P. Montgomery  
Mr. Achilles Williams

**UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING**

System President Ronald Mason, Jr.  
Evola Bates, Chief of Staff  
System Vice Presidents Kevin Appleton, Tony Moore and Walter Tillman  
Chancellors Ray Belton (SUSLA), Freddie Pitcher (SULC), Kofi Lomotey (SUBR), Victor Ukpole (SUNO), and Leodrey Williams (SUSLA)

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**BOARD COUNSEL**

Attys. Winston DeCuir, Jr., and Tracie Woods

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

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

Motion carried unanimously.



**AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Tenure Appeal Review Procedures**

On motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Atty. Bell, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, the Tenure Appeal Review Procedures for the Board of Supervisors, as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

The policy was amended to delete the word "confidential" from Item 2, line 1.

**B. Tenure Appeal for M. Grant Burns, SUNO**

On motion of Atty. Bell, seconded by Mr. Guidry, the Committee convened into an executive session to consider the tenure appeal of Mr. Grant Burns, SUNO.

Motion carried unanimously. Roll call vote: 6 yeas: Jefferson, Guidry, Scott, Mire, Bell, and Lawson; 0 nays; 0 abstentions.

Mr. Burns indicated his preference for having his appeal discussed in an executive session.

**-EXECUTIVE SESSION-**

**-OPEN SESSION-**

On motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Scott, the Committee returned to open session.

Motion carried unanimously. Roll call vote: 6 yeas: Jefferson, Guidry, Scott, Mire, Bell, and Lawson; 0 nays; 0 abstentions.

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On motion of Mr. Guidry, seconded by Mr. Lawson, the Committee recommends to the Board, to uphold the Administration's recommendation and to deny the tenure appeal of Mr. Grant Burns.

Motion carried. Roll call vote: 5 yeas: Jefferson, Guidry, Mire, M. Bell, and Lawson; 1 nay: Scott; 0 abstentions

**AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT**

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

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Secretary, S.U. Board of Supervisors

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Chairman, S.U. Board of Supervisors

Southern University and A&amp;M College at Baton Rouge

# Chancellor's Report



Kofi Lomotey

June 2011



## SIGNIFICANT ACCOMPLISHMENTS/ACHIEVEMENTS

### **SUBR Holds Annual Dietetic Internship Program**

Ten young women representing six Louisiana cities, East Lansing, Michigan, Arlington, Illinois and Hong Kong, China graduated in the University's 17th graduating class for Dietetic Interns.

These 10 students were chosen from a pool of 75 applicants who applied to become SUBR dietetic interns. This is a post baccalaureate degree program accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Dietetics Education (CADE) of the American Dietetic Association. The curriculum is designed to meet the supervised practice experience requirements for registration eligibility to become a Registered Dietitian and for membership in the American Dietetic Association.

SUBR is one of eight Historically Black Colleges and Universities that offer a supervised practice program. There are approximately 250 supervised programs in the U. S. As stated, this program helps students to prepare and qualify to sit for the examination to become a Registered Dietitian.

There were 14 sites or cooperating facilities in the area that served as intern sites for program participants. Without these facilities and preceptors, the program could not be successful. The role of the preceptor is invaluable. All of these individuals and agencies/organizations were recognized and acknowledged during the program, along with the 10 students who completed the program.

### **Southern University Continues to Expand the Experiences of Students Beyond the USA**

SUBR continues to expand upon its international efforts with China. Once again our students are an integral part of this effort. On May 28, 2011, seven SUBR students, both undergraduate and graduate, traveled to China as a part of the University's HBCU-Up Achieving Competitive

Excellence (ACE) Implementation Project and the International Science and Education (ISE) Project.



Pictured left to right (front row) Ryan Mallery, Mech. Eng; Denita Walker, Civil Eng. and Robert Chambers, Urban Forestry Ph.D student. Second row: Brian Mims, Urban Forestry Master's student; Antwon Wooten, Mech. Eng. and Devin Carls, Mech. Eng. Chelsea Janice an Urban Forestry Master's student is not pictured.

The students visited Beijing, Nanning and Guiyang and engaged in several sustainable energy research activities. Several University officials accompanied the students and seized the opportunity to recruit prospective students while in China.

SUBR students have visited China before and officials in China were so impressed with these students that they were offered employment! Our relationship with China continues to develop and expand.

### **Member of Nursing Faculty Receives Legacy of Caring Nurses Award**

Dr. Sharon Hutchinson, Associate Professor and Chair of the graduate nursing program, has been awarded the 2011 Legacy of Caring Nurses Award by the Association of Nurses Working for our Patients.

The award recognizes a "commitment to a person's right to choose; the advocacy for personal health through protecting a person's right to self-dignity, choice, autonomy and control; respect for individualism and evolving the human race through the forward progression of healthcare."



Commendations are extended to Professor Hutchinson for this recognition.

## **SUBR and Scotlandville Magnet High School Form Partnership**

Shell Oil Company and Great Minds in Education sponsored the Shell STEM Education Showdown on May 14, 2011 at the University of New Orleans. Joining forces to participate in the program were SUBR and Scotlandville Magnet High School. The Showdown was created to forge relationships between local universities and high school STEM education programs. During the competition, all students were required to construct wind turbines and a paper house. According to program guidelines, "The goal of the Wind Turbine project was to build an effective rotor blade that could lift a significant amount of weight in a short time. The purpose of the Paper House Challenge was to build a house that could house at least one student."

Several other university and high school teams in the state participated in the competition. We are proud to report that the Showdown Grand Prize Winner was the Southern University and A&M College and the Scotlandville Magnet High School Team. The team was comprised of eight SUBR College of Engineering students and eight Scotlandville Magnet High science students.

The Grand Prize was a netbook for each Scotlandville Magnet High team participant, and the school received \$5,000 to start a Science Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) club with SUBR's College of Engineering students. Each of the SUBR team members won a \$1,000 scholarship and an all-expense paid trip to a career conference in Orlando, Florida.

## **The Department of Athletics Sponsored Two Major Fundraisers**

### ***"Red Carpet on the Bluff"***

In an effort to raise funds to address some of the department's critical budgetary challenges, the Athletic Department hosted two activities during the month of June.

On June 17, 2011, the department hosted "Red Carpet on the Bluff." The event was held from 6:30p.m. to 11:00p.m. in the A. W. Mumford Fieldhouse. Tickets were \$51.00. A number of tables were also available at a cost of \$500.00 each.

The event included valet parking, red carpet entrance, live and silent auction, tour of fieldhouse facility (football war room and old Mumford videos), two live jazz musical acts and DJ Smooth, two cash bars and food, take-home goody bags and more.

### ***"Annual Stump Mitchell Golf Tournament"***

Head Football Coach Stump Mitchell hosted the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Stump Mitchell Golf Tournament at 8:00a.m., Saturday, June 25, 2011 at the Copper Mill Golf Course, 2100 Copper Mill Blvd. in Zachary, Louisiana. Registration for a 4-player team was \$85.00 per player. The cost for breakfast and lunch was included in this registration fee. All proceeds benefited the SU Football Team.

The Department of Athletics will be sponsoring a number of fundraising events in the future. We hope that we can depend upon the support of all members, friends and supporters of the Jaguar Nation and we thank those individuals who supported these two events.

### **College of Education Dean Receives Award**



Dr. Verjanis Peoples, Dean of the College of Education, has received the President's Empowering Leaders in Education Award from the Southern University Chapter of Phi Delta Kappa International. The award cites Peoples for "displaying exemplary service in education by empowering leaders today for tomorrow."

Dean Peoples' research and publications have included articles on violence in schools, curriculum development and issues in multicultural education. Phi Delta Kappa International is a professional association for educators. PDK is one of the largest education associations in the world and has thousands of members dedicated to improving education, including teachers, principals, superintendents, and higher education faculty and administrators.

### **MBA Student Will Co-op With Texas Instruments**

Celia Jackson is headed to Texas Instruments for a five-month stint

Celia Jackson, an MBA student at Southern, will co-op from July to December at Texas Instruments (TI) in Dallas. Jackson, a graduate of Baker High near the SU campus, will work as a financial analyst for TI. She is expected to graduate in December.

Texas Instruments, a member of SU's Business and Industry Cluster, recently donated \$100,000 to the College of Engineering for scholarships.



TI is one of the world's largest and oldest semiconductor makers. It is best known for its digital signal processors that are found in mobile phones, DVD players, automotive systems, and computer modems. The company also makes logic chips, microprocessors, microcontrollers and display components.

### **SUBR Launches Online Maymester 2011 Pilot**

The Office of Academic and Student Affairs decided to offer a first-time Inonline Maymester 2011 pilot session. The objectives for offering this type of Maymester were varied.

#### **OBJECTIVES**

- To offer students a mode of instructional delivery for which many had requested
- To offer instructors an opportunity to teach online courses that they had developed during the Quality Matters online training
- To increase interest among instructors to teach online courses
- To generate income to offset the university's deficit

#### **OUTCOMES**

- 126 students participated
- 15 Instructors
- 30 additional instructors trained in Quality Matters
- Courses offered
  - o Business
  - o English
  - o Math
  - o Criminal Justice
  - o Education
  - o Psychology
  - o Spanish
  - o Biology
- Gross Income generated
  - o 94,242.00

Student evaluations will not be available until after Maymester session ends June 4, 2011

### **Media Relations Update**

Dr. Eugene Hughley, an Associate Professor in the Department of Criminal Justice, was interviewed on WAFB-TV Ch. 9's I-Team Reports about how people feel safe when a police car is parked in their neighborhood.

On May 14, the *Opelousas Daily World* newspaper published a story about Opelousas native LaPorchia Collins, the chief student marshal for the spring 2011 SU graduating class. The story was based on a press release from the SUBR Media Relations Office. "This is truly an awesome

feeling. I am really blessed," Opelousas native LaPorchia Collins said when she learned she was the Chief Student Marshal for the spring 2011 graduating class at Southern University.

Also on May 14, *The Advocate* newspaper wrote a story about SU's spring graduation but also focused on two SU graduate students who had earned a graduate degree and would get their Juris Doctorate the next day.

SUBR Media Relations Director Edward Pratt was on WAFB-TV Ch. 9's Morning Show on May 18, to promote the free 3rd Annual Classical Jazz on the Bluff Concert Series. The list of performers/dates: percussionist, Herlin Riley, June 3; harpist Jeff Majors, June 10; vocalist Michaela A. Harrison, June 17; and saxophonist Michael Phillips, June 24.

On May 22, *The Advocate* newspaper published a brief profile on Dr. Sharon Hutchinson, the associate professor and chair of the graduate nursing program in SU's School of Nursing. She was awarded the 2011 Legacy of Caring Nurses Award by the Association of Nurses Working for Our Patients.

Also on May 22, *The Advocate* published a story about how Southern University's Louisiana Small Business Development Center and its director Will Campbell Jr., had helped small business owners get their start. The article's headline was "Building Dreams."

May 31, the *Examiner Magazine* published a story highlighting how SU and Scotlandville Magnet High School partnered to win the Shell STEM Education Showdown held at the University of New Orleans. They beat teams led by Tulane, Dillard and Xavier universities.





## Chancellor's Monthly Report

### Shaun Donovan, U.S. Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Served as SUNO's Commencement Speaker

**MAY 2011**

**Southern University at New Orleans'** annual commencement was held on May 7, 2011 at the Lakefront Arena at 4 p.m. Shaun Donovan, the U.S. Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, served as commencement speaker. Secretary Donovan urged the graduates to use the SUNO tradition of its connection to the community to carry the name of the University into the future of making American communities more socially and civically engaged.



Shaun Donovan, the U.S. Secretary of Housing and Urban Development

### **SUNO is in compliance with all SACS standards with no recommendations for corrective action.**

The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) held its on-site visit of Southern University at New Orleans (SUNO) from March 2<sup>nd</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup>, 2011. The on-site committee report, which the University received on Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, indicates that SUNO is in compliance with all SACS standards with no recommendations for corrective action.

The SACSCOC on-site report commented on the University's hospitality, and noted that SUNO "has made a remarkable recovery since the Katrina disaster. A major commitment has been made to ensure that the quality of course offerings, the teaching/learning processes and students' engagement in learning were sustained at a competitive level during the post-Katrina period."

The findings of the visiting committee represent a preliminary assessment of the institution at this time, and final action on the report rests with the Commission on Colleges. The final reaffirmation confirmation is anticipated by the SACS Commission on Colleges in December. A copy of the entire report can be obtained from the institution.

## Academic Affairs

### College of Arts and Sciences:

Dr. Henry E. Mokosso, Dean

Actively engaged in and cooperated with Enrollment Management team in tracking cohorts of 2006 and 2010 for pre-registration for purposes of retention and increasing graduation rates. Visited Abramson High School for the Southern University at New Orleans Recruitment drive.

At April's Deans/ Chairs/ Directors meeting, matters relevant to observance of the "chain of command" principle as a tool of problem resolving were discussed and agreed upon. Other issues discussed included submission of roll books complete with grade distribution forms and syllabi.

The advisement and mentoring piece took a central position at the meeting. In spite of the effort made to stop students enrolling without being advised, students, especially those enrolling online still get away with the practice. It was agreed that the registrar should arrange to have a "stop" or "hold" device for students who have not been advised.

### Department of Arts and Humanities

Dr. Sudipta Das, Chair:

Dr. Xiongya Gao and Dr. Chester Mills attended the Conference on College Composition and Communication from April 6-9, 2011 in Atlanta, Georgia.

Dr. Jerry Giddens attended the Popular Culture Association and American Culture Association

conference in San Antonio and presented his paper, "Richard Brautigan, Jack Spicer, and Trout Fishing in American." In addition, he attended the International Society of Educational Biographers Annual Conference, in San Antonio, and presented "Richard Brautigan: A Literary Biography and its Peril." He also did one show during his time in San Antonio. The San Antonio Express News dated April 2, 2011, applauds his accomplishment as follows:

"Giddens is an exceptional singer-songwriter as well as an English professor at Southern University in New Orleans. The results of the inevitable complications and diversity of such a troubadour life show up in his latest album, "Little Demons." There is a spiritual quality to the mostly acoustic-guitar-driven new material, though he is not afraid to rock out, too."

Professor Cynthia Ramirez exhibited a Day of the Dead Altar and demonstrated the craft of sugar skull making at the 42nd Jazz and Heritage Festival on April 30- May 1, 2011

### Department of Natural Science

Dr. Mostafa Elaasar, Chair

Dr. Elaasar was a member of the International Week organizing committee and participated in the International Week activities. Dr. Elaasar was a panelist discussing "Our World Today" on April 4, 2011.

Dr. Elaasar participated in the

Q-weak experiment at Thomas Jefferson National Accelerator Facility, April 15-24, 2011. The Q-weak experiment is "A Precision Test of the Standard Model and Determination of the Weak Charges of the Quarks through Parity-Violating Electron Scattering."

He received a certificate for Energetic Leadership from the E3MaS and SENS program directors.

Dr. Illya Tietzel's research in the area of microbiology entitled "Attenuation of Mediators of Anti-chlamydial Activity in Classically Activated Macrophages and Immunomodulatory Cytokines" was accepted for presentation as a poster at the National meeting of 111th General Meeting American Society for Microbiology, May 21-24th in New Orleans. He is presenting the efforts of his grant funded by the Louisiana Biomedical Research Network (LBRN).

Dr. Tietzel's high school student's research entitled "The Effectiveness of Carrot Seed Oil and Citronella as Repellents of Bean Beetles, *Callosobruchus maculatus*" was accepted for presentation as a poster at the National 33rd annual [Association for Biology Laboratory Education](#) conference at New Mexico State University, June 14-17 2011.

In April 2011, Dr. Tietzel's mentee, Ms. Ciara Green, was invited to present her undergraduate research poster at the fourth installment of the "Undergraduate & Graduate Student Research Training Workshop Series" sponsored

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by LSU's Office of Undergraduate Research, LSU's Office of Strategic Initiatives and Southern University. At the meeting, keynote speaker Dr. J. K. Haynes, Dean of Science and Mathematics at Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia, reviewed the presented poster before his talk.

On April 13, 2011, Dr. Tietzel presented his current research projects to students at University of New Orleans who are participating in the Undergraduate Research and Mentoring (URM) program. Dr. Tietzel is Principal Investigator (PI) at SUNO and Dr. Wendy Schluchter is PI at UNO for these two collaborative grants specifically aimed at training minority students in undergraduate research, enabling them to become competitive graduate school applicants and future work force.

Dr. Tietzel joined students, faculty, alumni and stakeholders of SUNO at the Capitol Building in Baton Rouge on April 26th in a rally to express their concerns about the proposed merger of SUNO with UNO.

Dr. Delin Tan attended a workshop on U. S. Department of Education Funding at University of New Orleans on April 14, 2011.

Dr. Murty Kambhampati successfully completed the Advisory Committee Evaluations for E3MaS grant activities (April 1, 2011), submitted the annual report (2010-2011) to the National Science Foundation for SENS grant and it has been approved by the program officer.

Dr. Kambhampati participated

in the recruitment drive at Abramson High School (April 15th) for SUNO. Coordinated SUNO STEM DAY in the Department of Natural Sciences along with STEM Program Personnel (Dr Joe Omojola, Carl P. Johnson, Phyllis Okwan, and Janine Mackey) on April 29, 2011. Inducted new members of BKX into SUNO Chapter on April 29, 2011. Participated in New Orleans City Park cleanup activities along with Dr. Illya Tietzel and NIS/BKX members of SUNO chapters <http://www.gcaconf.com/article/5320.php>.

Dr. Kambhampati coordinated 2010-11 academic year SUNO STEM DAY Awards for outstanding students and staff (April 29, 2011). The following were recognized: Dr. Mostafa Elaasar (Energetic Leadership), Ms. Mary Richter (Energetic Administrative Assistant); Ms. Phyllis Okwan (Outstanding STEM Coordinator); Ms. Janine Mackey (Outstanding STEM Administrative Assistant).

Dr. Zheng Chen attended a workshop on U. S. Department of Education Funding at University of New Orleans on April 14, 2011.

Dr. Heon Kim's grant, the 2011-2012 Pilot Funding for New Research (PFund) from the Louisiana Board of Regents, was funded. This grant is entitled "New types of multiplicative relations between Gauss sums."

Dr. Kim attended the April 14th workshop on U.S. Department of Education funding at the University of New Orleans.

Dr. Kim's paper was accepted by the Journal of Number Theory:

"Ms. Ref. No.: JNT-D-09-00096R1 Title: Infinite class of new sign ambiguities"

The proposal entitled "Enhanced Workforce Development, Student Success and College Access for Chemistry, Biochemistry and Biotechnology" was awarded \$48,200. Dr. Alvin Bopp is the P.I. Drs. Yolander Youngblood and Tonye Numbere are the Co-P.I.'s.

The Board of Regents grant, "Build a mathematics learning system in SUNO" was approved.

This program would reduce students' math failure rate and enhance their study quality. Dr. Delin Tan is the P.I. and Drs. Zheng Chen, Joe Omojola and Cynthia Singleton are the Co-P.I.'s.

Dr. Solomon Adekunle attended the Hayward Genetics Center Seminar Series on "Transcriptional and post – Translational Regulation of p53 during Terminal Nephron Differentiation" at Tulane Medical School on Friday, April 1, 2011, 11am – 12noon.

## Health Information Management Systems

Ms. Andrea Mignott, Director

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

Ms. Mignott attended the Dean's Council Meeting on April 6, 2011.

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Ms. Mignott attended the HIMS Student Club Organization meeting.

Ms. Mignott attended the HIMS Advisory Board Committee meeting.

Ms. Mignott continues to work on an articulation agreement with SUNO and Delgado Allied Health Program.

Ms. Mignott is working on transfer credit from University of Louisiana at Lafayette and Nunez Community College.

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 to advise/register new and continuing students for spring 2011 semester.

Ms. Douresseaux continues researching Grant opportunities for HIMS Program.

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

Ms. Douresseaux participated in Teacher's Evaluation. She evaluated Dr. Yolanda

## Museum Studies

Dr. Sara J. Hollis, Director

Fifteen students marched in Commencement on May 7, 2011 to receive their Master of Arts in Museum Studies Degrees. Three actually finished their degrees in December and the other twelve finished this semester.

The Curriculum Committee approved two changes in the curriculum of M.A. Museum Studies. The first change is that the course MUSE600 Conferences and Workshops has been removed from the M.A. Museum Studies Curriculum. The second change is that a course has been added entitled: MUSE645 Art and Society in Asia. This summer another course in Archives will be presented to the Curriculum Committee for consideration. These are all changes that the consultants to the Master of Arts in Museum Studies Program requested that we make.

Dr. Sara Hollis taught the Masters Project class, MUSE700 A & B. She worked closely with every student who did an exhibition, exhibition opening reception, and catalog for their exhibition. She is very pleased with the results. The exhibitions were held at Dillard's Gallery, Stella Jones Gallery, the McKenna Museum, the SU System Museum in Baton Rouge, the 8th District Police Station in the French Quarter, SUNO's display area in the Multipurpose Building, and the Jazz & Heritage Foundation Gallery. Dr. Hollis is very pleased with the cooperation the M.A. Museum Studies Program is getting from local arts organizations and sites and Dr. Romanus Ejiaga and Ms. Linda Hill in the Center

for African and African American Studies. Dr. Hollis also served on the Thesis Committees of all of the students whose committees Dr. Jiang chaired.

Dr. Hollis continues to serve on many campus committees including the Strategic Planning Committee, the Faculty Development Committee, the Commencement Committee, the Planning Committee for the Hooding and Medallion Committee, the Dean's Council, the Graduate Council among others. She continues to participate in the arts and museums community. She is a member of: The Champions of African American and Caribbean Art at the New Orleans Museum of Art, a Charter Member of the Museum of Women in the Arts in Washington, D.C., and the New Orleans African American Museum. She is also a member of the High Museum of Art in Atlanta, the Museum of Art in Houston, the Smithsonian, the Contemporary Arts Center and the Ogden Museum in New Orleans, and is a member of the Arts Council of New Orleans. Aside from her museum memberships, she maintains a membership in the Louisiana Watercolor Society, and the Studio Art Quilt Association, as well as the Arts Council of the African Studies Association.

Dr. Hollis is proud to say that she joined the faculty in 1973. She has served as a Fine Arts faculty member; Chair of the Department of Fine Arts, Music and Philosophy; Dean of the School of Graduate Studies and Director of the M.A. Museum Studies Program. She is proud of the role SUNO

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plays in the New Orleans Community.

Dr. Hollis regularly shows her own art work. Her next exhibition is at the J.W. Marriott on Wednesday, June 29th. Some of her work is on permanent display at Le Boulevard on Veterans Highway in Metairie.

Dr. Yu Jiang's Submission for the April Monthly Report  
Dr. Jiang met the following students at a weekly basis on their MA thesis writing: Mr. Beryl Hunter, Ms. Theresa Butler, Ms. Nettie Roche, and Ms. Nassera DuCre.

Dr. Jiang was the thesis committee chairperson for the following defenses:

Tuesday April 12: Mr. Derrick Napoleon, thesis entitled "Facilitating, Educating, and Innovating: African-American Museums in Atlanta, Georgia That Tailor to Visitor's Experiences." The other committee members were Dr. Sara Hollis, Director of the MA in Museum Studies Program, and Dr. Deborah Johnson-Simon, Director, Center for the Study of African and African Diaspora Museums and Communities. The defense was conducted through conference call, as Mr. Napoleon lives in Atlanta, Georgia.

Thursday April 14: Ms. Beryl Hunter, thesis entitled "Black Photographers in Late Twentieth-Century New Orleans – Documentarians of Social History." Other committee members included Dr. Sara Hollis, and Ms. Jennifer Williams, Curator and Director of the McKenna Museum of Art, New Orleans.

Saturday April 16: Ms. Nettie

Roche, thesis entitled "The Benin Bronzes in the British Museum: Repatriation or Not?" The committee had two additional members, including Dr. Sara Hollis, and Ms. Linda Hill, Curator and Archivist, Center for African and African American Studies, Southern University at New Orleans

Dr. Jiang also served as a committee member for the following student MA projects.

On Monday April 11, Dr. Jiang attended Mr. Miroslav Brekalo's exhibition reception at 344 Royal Street, New Orleans Police Department District 8. His project is entitled "The Evolution of the New Orleans Police Department in the 19th century."

On Friday April 15, Dr. Jiang commented on Ms. Donnie Sampson's graduation project exhibition opening reception, entitled "Woman: How Identity Is Shaped."

Dr. Jiang gave insightful comments on Ms. Letitia Hopkins's exhibition catalogue, "Keepers of the Mysteries," Ms. Nika Carter's exhibition catalogue, "A Handful of Photographs: Photographic Exhibit with the Subject of Hands," and Ms. Patricia Flowers's show "A Journey into Quilting: An African American Tradition."

Dr. Jiang attended the Director of Facilities Search Committee meeting, and then joined the interview of a candidate for this job on Tuesday April 12. Subsequently Dr. Jiang offered his evaluation of the strength and/or weakness of the candidates, and his choice for the position.

Dr. Jiang's was granted the Faculty Development Grant from Southern University at New Orleans to facilitate his trip to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania to attend a conference. The theme of the conference is "China's periphery and Beyond: Perspectives from Art and Archaeology," and Dr. Jiang is going to present his paper – "Ritual art and agency: The bronze ding and minority groups during the Western Zhou."

## General Studies

Dr. Mary R. Vaughn, Director

The General Studies Program Office processed the following: Advised and registered 55 GSP students during the pre-registration period. There were several Criminal Justice majors assisted during this period by referral from that department.

Processed and Cleared 16 Student Applications for Graduation.

Processed the 2006 Cohort for Summer & Fall Pre-registration.

Processed 21 retention letters for 2007 Cohorts.

## College of Business:

Dr. Igwe Udeh, Dean  
Report on Major College of Business Activities:  
Accreditation:

Dr. Igwe E. Udeh, Dean, and Dr. Frank Martin, Chair ENTR Department, Mrs. Timotea Bailey, Director of Student Services, and Dr. Steve Welsh, professor of MGIS, attended the 2011 AACSB Annual Meeting and Conference in New York, NY on the 28-30 of April,

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2011. This conference provided the four with an avenue to interact with college of business deans from around the globe. Some of these deans are facing accreditation challenges similar to what SUNO's CBA is facing. The conference provided an extended opportunity, free from normal distractions, to pick the brains of various deans on the best practices for analyzing and implementing various programs needed for our college to attain AACSB accreditation.

The conference was also a forum for cultivating relationships that will help sell our program to a wider audience that will eventually vote on our viability for AACSB accreditation. Information learned from this trip will assist the College of Business as it prepares its programs and reports for AACSB accreditation. CBA received a letter from the Initial Accreditation Committee (IAC) of AACSB International dated March 30, 2011, indicating that the IAC has reviewed and accepted CBA's 2011 Progress Report. The letter commended CBA for its hard work.

CBA has been invited by IAC of AACSB International to file a Letter of Application for Initial Business Accreditation by June 1, 2011. This letter is the official notification to AACSB that CBA is ready to prepare the final reports needed prior to an on-campus Accreditation Team visit within a year or two. CBA is preparing the necessary documents needed to meet the June 1, 2011 application deadline.

Structural work is ongoing for the new College of Business & Public Administration Building as of April 30, 2011 at SUNO's

Lake Campus. The contract for the Building was awarded to Stallings Construction Co (Mike Stallings, President) on March 31, 2010, at a cost of \$3,365,400. Ground was broken on March 24, 2010. The building is to be completed by summer 2011.

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

Professional Outreach to Students & Community:

Two student organizations – Students In Free Enterprise (SIFE) and Black Executive Exchange Program (BEEP) elected officers for 2011-2012 academic year: Chaz Tanner, President; Chantal Charlery, Vice President; David Perryman, Treasurer; Paul Henry, Secretary; Louis C. Mancuso, Ph.D., Moderator; and Shelina A. Gethers, Co-Moderator.

### Louisiana Workforce Commission Incumbent Workers Training Program Social Service Contract

The final approved contract for the Incumbent Worker Training Program (IWTP) was received April 25, 2011. The internal paper work (PSC) is in the process of approval on SUNO's campus and will be forwarded to Baton Rouge for approval ASAP. The training began May 16, 2011. The IWTP has been mandated by the Southern University System Board of Supervisors. SUNO applied and received funding for \$150,727. This

funding is a foundational opportunity for SUNO to be involved in this Workforce Commission Initiative. This IWTP contract is designed to benefit business and industry by assisting existing employees' skill development and increasing employee productivity and company growth. Completion of this year long contract to do AS9100 Certification training for the employer will result in the creation of new jobs, retention of jobs that may otherwise may have been eliminated as well as increase in wages for the company's trained workers.

HUD-HBCU Peer Review: Cynthia Beaulieu of the Small Business Development and Management Institute was selected to participate in HUD's Office of University Partnerships (OUP) spring peer review for the Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) program in Washington, D.C., April 6-13, 2011.

National Business Incubator Association (NBIA) Lydia Charles of the Small Business Development & Management Institute (SBDMI) received a scholarship from the Louisiana Business Incubator Association (LBIA) to attend the National Business Incubator Association (NBIA)'s annual meeting, April 9-13, 2011, in San Jose, California. The conference assembled economic development professionals from across the United States and abroad to network, present, and discuss best practices used in the field of business incubation and entrepreneurship.

A couple highlights of the

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conference included: Tours of the Plug and Play Tech Center, the Environmental Business Cluster and the San Jose Biocenter. Keynote addresses by Thomas Guevara, deputy assistant secretary for regional affairs for the U.S. Economic Development Administration; Robert Shelton, director of the global growth and innovation practice at PRTM Management Consultants and co-author of Making Innovation Work; and Tim Brown, CEO and president of IDEO.

Ms. Charles attended sessions on clean technology, assessing potential incubator clients, analyzing potential incubator locations, pitfalls of rushing incubation, and the benefits of building an IT incubator in a former big steel community.

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

This meeting was held at the Baton Rouge campus on April 25, 2011. The purpose of the meeting/assembling the group was to develop a program that would coordinate across the state work being done by Southern Baton Rouge, Shreveport, and New Orleans campuses for 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.

## School of Graduate Studies: Report of Major Graduate Studies Activities:

Dr. Ira A. Neighbors, Dean of Graduate Studies

April 4 —Workshop attendance

April 6 —Deans and Directors Council Meeting

April 7—Graduate Council Meeting

April 14—Grant writing Department of Education Workshop at UNO

April 15—Medallion/Hooding Ceremony Planning Meeting

April 18 to 19—National Organization of Forensic Social Work Annual Conference;

Presented on April 19, 2011

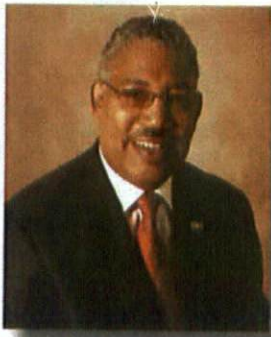
April 19 to April 22—National Association of Black Social Workers Annual conference—Workshops Co-Chair

April 25—SUNO Town Hall Meeting on Merger

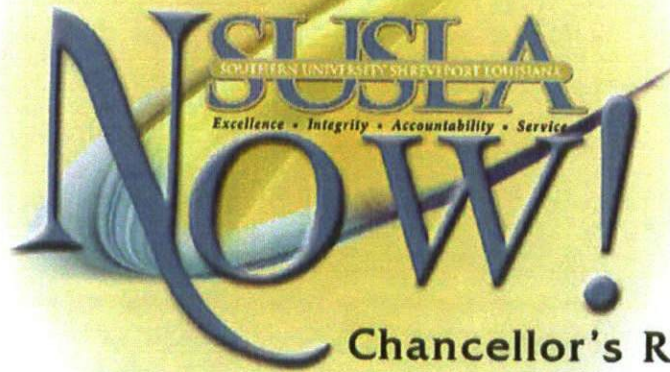
April 26—SUNO/UNO Merger Rally at Baton Rouge

April 28—Graduation Commencement Meeting

April 29—Medallion/Hooding Ceremony Planning Meeting



Dr. Ray L. Belton, Chancellor



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### Southern University at Shreveport's 36th Commencement Ceremony

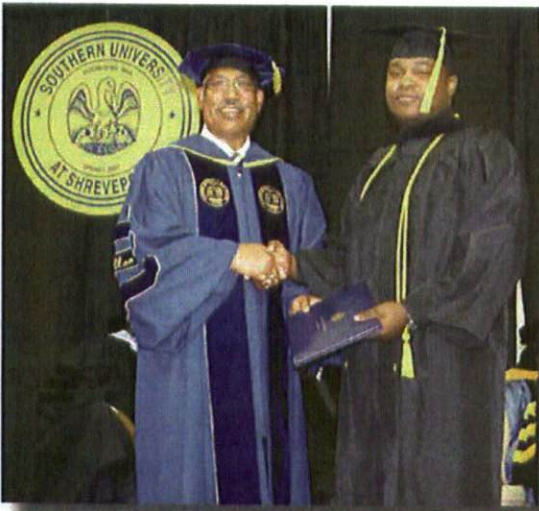


A spring evening was the setting as hundreds of relatives, friends, and supporters gathered to celebrate Southern University at Shreveport's 36th Commencement Ceremony. Billionaire business owner Mike V. Roberts of St. Louis charged the students during his commencement address to "operate as if fear was not an option". Roberts, who is also an attorney, developer, and owner of the Clarion Hotel in Shreveport, spoke to the graduates about his humble beginnings and how he was able to reach the pinnacle of success. He urged students to take action and to be innovative in their approach.

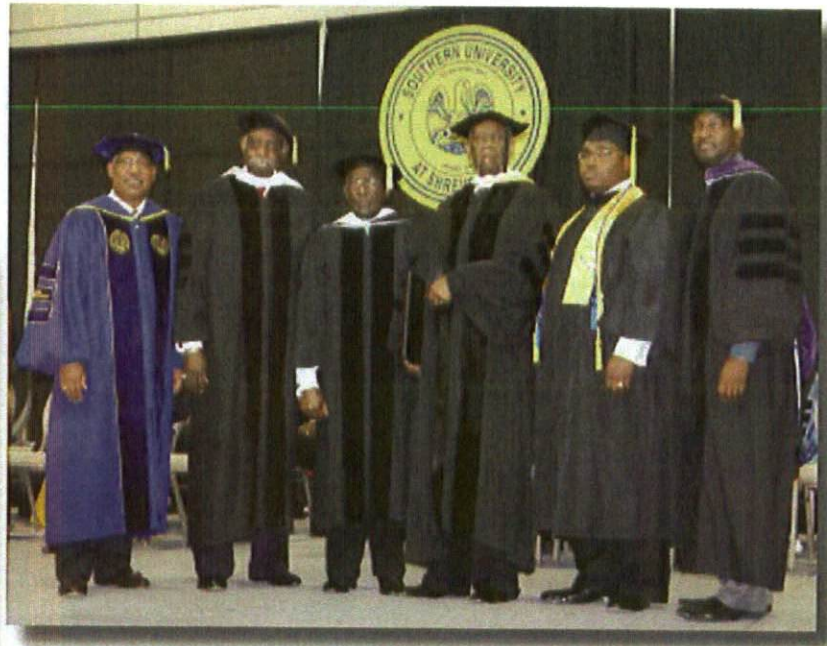
Campus officials held the exercise at the Shreveport Convention Center in an effort to accommodate the large crowd of well wishers as the University also awarded the honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters to three distinguished pastors; Dr. Brady L. Blade Sr.- Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Dr. Harry Blake-Mt. Canaan Baptist Church, and Dr. E. Edward Jones-Galilee Baptist Church.

Dr. Ray L. Belton-Chancellor stated, "each of these gentlemen have made significant contributions in the areas of civil rights, access to public education, human health, community service and public policy".

In addition, Southern University at Shreveport's top graduate Kelvin Douglas was recognized. This father of three and member of the United States Navy graduated with honors earning a 3.96 GPA.



Dr. Belton with Kelvin Douglas, 2011 Student Marshall



Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters Recipients:  
(l to r): Chancellor Belton, Dr. Brady L. Blade, Dr. Harry Blake, Dr. E. Edward Jones, The Honorables - Randal Scott and Patrick Jefferson, SUS Board Members





***Congratulations 2011 Spring Graduates!***





**2011 Spring Commencement**

podium guests, vice chancellors, division chairs and recipients of the honorary doctorate of humane letters.

The ceremony was also attended by several university and community officials including Southern University System Board of Supervisors members Patrick Jefferson, student board member and SUSLA 2011 graduate, Randale Scott, and Caddo Parish School Board Member Dottie H. Bell.



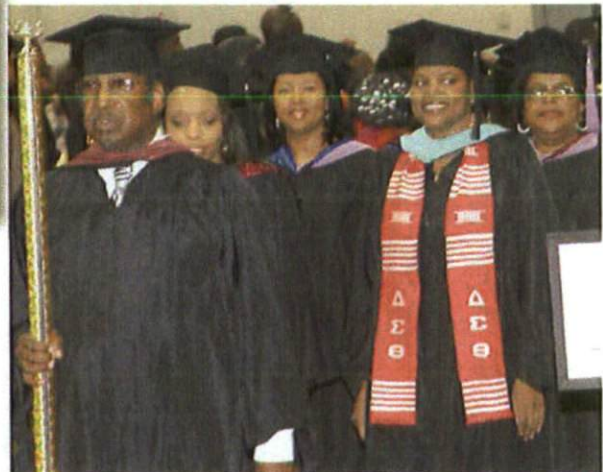
**Pictured:**

Former SUS board member Dottie H. Bell (standing);  
(l to r) Pastor's wives: Dorothy Blade, Norma Blake and Leslie Jones



SUS board members accompanied Chancellor Belton during presentation to Michael Roberts, Esq.

The Fall 2010 and Spring 2011 graduating class of 341 also included engineering scholar Jessica Taylor and computer science major Tracey Wilson who each received a \$34,000 scholarship to Grambling State University. Through her work at SUSLA, Taylor is currently on a summer engineering internship at the Chrysler Corporation headquarters in Rochester, Michigan.



**Prof. Willie Burton leads faculty procession**

Chancellor Belton also announced significant accomplishments from several allied health divisions. One notable achievement included the Allied Health Skills Simulation Lab which received a \$15,000 grant from EnCana to enhance its operations. Belton also announced during the commencement ceremony that the Dental Hygiene Program successfully scored a 100% Pass rate on National and Regional Board Exams. In addition, the program was also the only one in the state of Louisiana to receive an endorsement to offer Nitrous Oxide-Oxygen sedation to patients. Belton also announced that four additional programs; Radiologic Technology, Phlebotomy, Health Information Technology, and Nursing each received 100% pass rate on their respective National Board Exams. The Chancellor was also pleased to inform the crowd of well-wishers about the approval of the CNA (Certified Nursing Assistant) program that has been approved to begin fall 2011.

## Developmental Honors' Program Applauded Graduates

The Enhancement and Freshman Studies Department held a special program honoring more than 150 students who have completed the refresher program and were confirmed for graduation. Some of these students graduated with honors and were inducted into Phi Theta Kappa, the International Honor Society for Two-Year Colleges.

The celebration, held on Friday, April 29, 2011 used the theme of "Ordinary People, Extraordinary Stories" to highlight the advancement of those students in remedial courses who are successful in upper level courses.

Speaker for the occasion was Attorney and Pastor Andrew Randall whose life demonstrated how one can come from an impoverished background but still launch a stellar career.

Harolyn Wilson chaired the program, along with Vanessa Leggett, Chair of the Department and June Phillips, Humanities Division Chair.



Chancellor Belton, Dr. Orella R. Brazile, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Prof. June Phillips, Division Chair for Humanities during honors ceremony.



### Home School Student Makes SUSLA Honor Roll At 18

Zack Salih Knox has been home schooled since second grade by his grandmother Khemlah Lacey. At age 16 Zack finished his GED and entered Southern University at Shreveport to take up Criminal Justice. He graduated during the Spring Commencement as an honor student and the youngest in his class.

Mr. Knox told the Sun that he plans to go to Southern University in Baton Rouge and get his BS degree in Criminal Justice and pursue a law degree. "I'm glad my grandmother taught me in home school. I owe it all to her because without her I wouldn't be where I am now. I just want to thank her for teaching me all these years. I just wanted to show her that all of her hard work paid off."

Zack did not always like the idea of missing out on the regular school experience but feels that he was exposed to things other students were not.

Article from The Shreveport Sun, May 12, 2011



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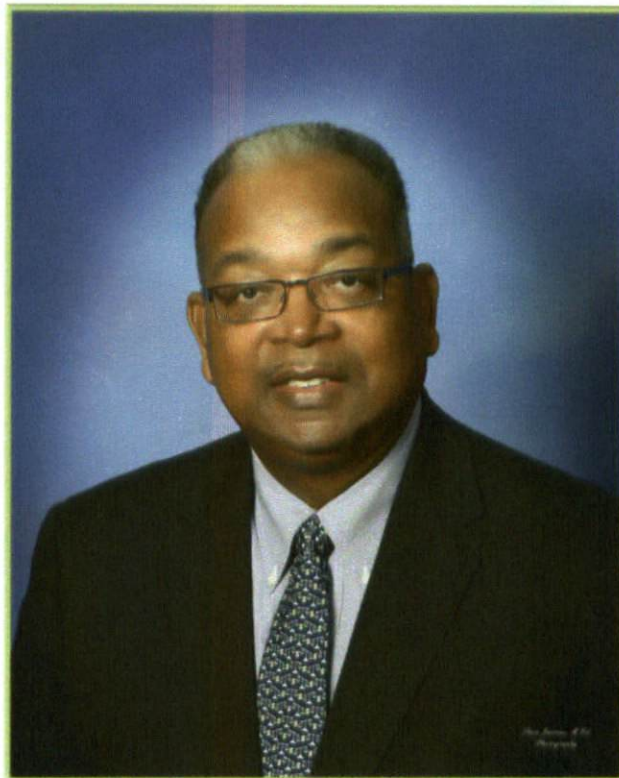
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THE CHANCELLOR'S REPORT  
TO THE  
SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF  
SUPERVISORS

June, 2011

***The Chancellor's Report to the  
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***CAMPUS: SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER***

***DATE: JUNE, 2011***

***SIGNIFICANT EVENTS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS***

*The 2011 Graduates Treated to A "True Triple Threat Man" in Commencement Speaker Judge Brian Jackson, '85*

*The 2011 SULC graduates were treated to a commencement address from a history-making alumnus who was the first Law Center graduate to be appointed to the federal bench, the first to serve as a bar examiner for the Louisiana State Bar, and a exemplary donor to student scholarships at his alma mater.*



*"We were inspired to hear from Judge Brian Jackson, a true triple threat man," according to Charles Toney, Jr., the outgoing SBA president and 2011 graduate.*

*"He shared expectations on the bar exam from the viewpoint of a bar examiner. He exemplifies a successful career in public service, as well as one who is practicing what most preach about giving back to the Law Center," Toney said.*

*Judge Jackson acknowledged that when he sat as a graduate 26 years ago, he did not realize that his decision to complete law studies at the Southern University Law School would impact his life in a "profound and unimaginable way." You will realize the decision to attend SULC was a wise one, he told the graduates.*

*As well . . . this was the largest class in the history of the school. There were 150 graduates and more than 1,500 persons attended the ceremony - - the largest audience ever.*

Chancellor Freddie Pitcher, Jr. on Panel

Chancellor Freddie Pitcher, Jr., was among the state's law school deans/chancellors to participate in a panel discussion on the proposed changes to the Louisiana Bar Exam held at the 2011 Judicial Conference of the Fifth Circuit, in San Antonio, Texas, May 2-5.

Two-Part CLE Seminar to Address 1983 Actions, June 17 and September 23

The Southern University Law Center's Louis Berry Institute for Civil Rights and Justice will host a two-part continuing legal education (CLE) seminar on 1983 Actions, beginning Friday, June 17, at 8:30 a.m. in 130 A. A. Lenoir Hall.

Civil Rights liability under 42 U.S.C., 1983 – Section 1983 of Title 42 of the United States Code is part of the Civil Rights Act of 1871. This provision is the primary means of remedying constitutional violations by state actors. Section 1983 provides a mechanism for seeking redress for an alleged deprivation of a litigant's federal constitutional and federal statutory rights by persons acting under color of state law.

Part I of the seminar, "Getting Past Summary Judgment," will feature the presentations: "Pleading the Elements of a 1983 Claim," "Understanding Personal Immunities," "Discovery, Defenses, and Damages," "Maintaining Records for Reimbursement," and "A Case Walk-Through."

Presenters will include Jonathan Augustine, Deputy Executive Director of the Louisiana Workforce Commission; Prof. John Brittan, University of the District of Columbia, David A. Clarke School of Law; Charmel Gaulden, Executive Director of the Gulf Coast Fair Housing Center; Katie Schartzmann, Legal Director of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Louisiana; and Arthur Ray Thomas of Arthur R. Thomas and Associates in Baton Rouge.

Part II of the seminar, "Proving Your Case," is scheduled for Friday, September 23. Presentations will include "29 USC 1983 Actions," "Police Misconduct," "Employment Discrimination," "Fair Housing," "Voting Rights," and "Injunctive and Declaratory Relief." Presenters will be John Burris, of the Law Office of John L. Burris, Oakland, California; Frederick K. Brewington, Law Office of Frederick K. Brewington, Hempstead, New York; Charmel Gaulden of the Gulf Coast Fair Housing Center; and Jaribu Hill, Executive Director of The Mississippi Workers Center for Human Rights.

## On The Go



*President Herchel E. Richard, Jr., presents Louisiana Bar Foundation's 2010 Distinguished Faculty Award to Vice Chancellor Russell L. Jones at its April 8 Gala*

*Vice Chancellor John Pierre was a presenter at the Path to Financial Independence Workshop, May 18-19, at Dillard University, sponsored by the Path to Financial Independence Network. The two-day free workshop was for minority serving institutions who are engaged in free tax preparation and asset building*

*initiatives. Pierre also attended the National Community Tax Coalition (NCTC) Conference, June 7-9, in Chicago, Illinois.*

## Texas State Senate Resolutions Recognize Students for Outstanding Work in Five-Month Internships

*Seven SULC students were recognized by the Senate of the State of Texas, 82<sup>nd</sup> Legislature, for their participation in the Texas Legislative Internship Program administered by the Mickey Leland Center on World Hunger and Peace at Texas Southern University.*

*Honored for their outstanding work by Senate Resolutions were Sabrina Bannister, Harris County Public Defender; Nicholas Giles, the Office of Texas State Representative Sylvester Turner; Tony Jones, Task Force on Indigent Defense; Chetamour McKenzie, Association of Electric Companies of Texas; Shakira Pumphrey, the Office of House Speaker Joe Straus; Robin Raasch, Office of Representative Ana Hernandez Luna; and Melody Udoinyion, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. The students interned for five months from January to May of 2011.*

*The internship program established in December of 1990, provides a unique opportunity for students to serve as interns in the Texas Legislature, the United States Congress, and a variety of local, state, and national governmental agencies and public policy organizations. The students receive academic credit for participating in the program, which combines academic study and research with supervised practical training.*

## First Issue of Journal of Race, Gender and Poverty Available

*The inaugural issue is on hand of the Journal of Race, Gender, and Poverty, a symposium-based journal, with this edition's topic, "The Health of A Nation: Is Health Insurance A Right or A Privilege," for the 2008 Justice Revius O. Ortique, Jr., Symposium on Law, Politics, Civil Rights, and Justice.*

*The Journal is published once a year. Articles in this edition are "Health: A Fundamental Liberty Based on Internationally Recognized Human Rights with Domestic Civil Rights Implications," by Brenda Reddix-Small, Visiting Professor, Franklin Pierce Law Center, Concord, New Hampshire; "Health Reforms Newest Moment in Time," by John Blum, John J. Waldron Research Professor, Loyola University, Chicago School of Law; "Is Insurance Enough? Barriers to Quality Health Care," by Dr. Gary Dennis, Chief of Neurosurgery, Baton Rouge General Hospital. "Medical Necessity: A Health Plan Perspective," by David Ableman, Chief Litigation Counsel, Tufts Health Plans, Inc.; "Reforming Louisiana's Health Care System: Strategies for Change," by David Hood, Senior Health Care Policy Analyst, Public Affairs Research Council of Baton Rouge, Louisiana; and "A Wake-Up Call: It's Not Your Grandma's Medicaid," by Donna Fraiche, Shareholder, Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Bertkowitz, PC.*

*The keynote address by Dr. M. Joycelyn Elders, former U.S. Surgeon General, is also included in this edition, with introduction of the speaker given by Dr. Rani Whitfield, Baton Rouge physician.*

*Subscriptions to the journal may be obtained by contacting the managing editor by e-mail at JRGP@sulc.edu.*

#### OFFICE OF CAREER COUNSELING & DEVELOPMENT

Equal Justice Works: *Representatives from Equal Justice Works / AmeriCorps conducted an information table session in the Atrium on April 14, 2011. Interested students received materials and information on volunteer legal opportunities for the summer.*

Partner Talk: *On April 18, 2011, Todd Manuel, '98, partner at Taylor Porter Law Firm, spoke to a group of students on how to succeed in high profile summer internships.*

#### ACADEMIC SUPPORT PROGRAMS AND ACADEMIC COUNSELING

*Throughout the year, teaching assistants provided tutorials for first-year students on course outlining, study techniques, time management and exam taking strategies. During the spring semester, 45 of the 54 students with academic deficiencies and 25 non-probation students participated in the weekly Academic Skills Exam Writing workshop. The Counseling component counseled and advised first, second and third year students regarding study skills, summer course selections, time management and exam taking strategies.*

#### ALUMNI NEWS

*Judge Pamela Taylor-Johnson, '79, Baton Rouge Juvenile Court, Division B, and Judge Lisa Woodruff-White, '89, East Baton Rouge Parish Family Court, Division B were among the featured panelists at the Baton Rouge Bar Association's May Bar Luncheon and Community Justice Symposium, Tuesday, May 10. The panel discussion topic was "Our Juvenile Justice System."*



*Alejandro Perkins, '04, of Hammonds and Sills Law Firm, was one of ten active members honored by the Baton Rouge Bar Association at its Beer @ da Bar Reception , Thursday, May 12. At Hammonds and Sills, Perkins, a native of Dallas, Texas, is a litigator specializing in education law and insurance defense. He served as president of the Louis A. Martinet Legal Society, Inc., from 2009-2011. In addition to his membership in the BRBA, he is a Fellow of the Louisiana Bar Foundation, and a member of the Board of Governors for the National Bar Association, American Bar Association, Louisiana State Bar Association, Federal Bar Association, Louisiana Association of Defense Counsels, Council of School Attorneys, March of Dimes and Xavier University Alumni Association. He is also a current member of the Council of the Louisiana Law Institute.*

*William L. Banton, Jr., '83, a shareholder with Marshall, Dennehey, Warner, Coleman, and Goggin (MDWC&G), has been inducted as a Fellow of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers and has also been invited to become a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers. Fellowship is extended by invitation only, after careful investigation, to those experienced trial lawyers who have mastered the art of advocacy and whose professional careers have been marked by the highest standards of ethical conduct, professionalism, civility, and collegiality. Banton is also a member of MDWC&G's Health Care Liability Department. His practice is primarily focused in the area of medical malpractice litigation, and he has handled more than 200 medical malpractice cases. He has also represented clients in the areas of mental health (e.g., foster care abuse and sexual abuse) general liability, and civil rights defense.*

*Earl L. Cotton, Sr., '82, recently retired with the rank of Colonel from the United States Air Force Judge Advocacy General Corps. Colonel Cotton's last duty station was Headquarters Louisiana Army and Air National Guard, Jackson Barracks, Louisiana. He is currently employed as an employment labor attorney with the United States Postal Service in Atlanta, Georgia.*

Special Problems

None

Significant Administrative or Policy Changes

None

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# SU Ag Center Offers to Shelter LSU Animals from Flood Waters

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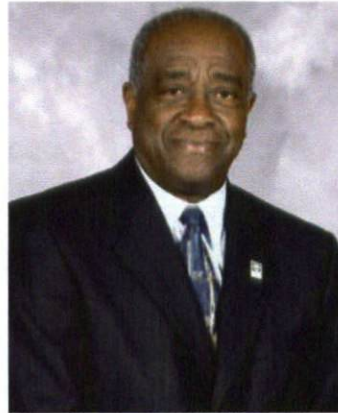
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In an article entitled “campus readies; events to go on” in the May 16 issue of the *Advocate*, the Southern University Agricultural Center Chancellor Leodrey Williams said that in the event of any flooding of the LSU campus, his campus facilities would help house animals from the LSU vet school, if necessary.

“We’ll try to provide as much aid as possible,” Williams said.

The Southern University main campus is stationed at a higher altitude along the river on the bluff. Ed Pratt, Southern assistant to the chancellor for media, said “the only anticipated flooding on campus is at Elton C. Harrison Drive, where the main campus connects to the student residence halls on the northern end of the campus.”

On May 14, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers started opening 17 of the 125 gates of the Morganza Spillway



**Chancellor Williams**

to relieve the swollen Mississippi River in Baton Rouge and New Orleans.

Twelve days later, three of those gates were closed because more water was flowing through the structure than previously expected.

As the floodgates open and close in Louisiana, farmers anxiously await the outcome of the worst flooding in decades, impacting hundreds of thousands of acres of farmlands, animals and hundreds of millions of dollars in damages.

Agriculture and Forestry Commissioner Mike Strain, D.V.M.,

said the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has guaranteed that Morganza Spillway farmers whose crops have been damaged by flooding caused by the Mississippi River will be eligible for crop insurance payments in accordance with their crop insurance policies.

This includes farmers in the larger Atchafalaya Basin area below the spillway whose crops were inundated by water after the opening of the Morganza Spillway.

Farmers who are unable to plant but purchased crop insurance will also be eligible for prevented planting payments in accordance with their policies, Strain said.

To read the full stories, please visit the *Advocate* at: <http://www.2theadvocate.com> and *Zachary Today* at: <http://www.zacharytoday.com/>

## SU Ag Center Partners in National Garden Project

The USDA/National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) awarded a grant to Purdue University as the prime recipient. Purdue sub-contracted to Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center who extended sub-awards to Mississippi State University, Louisiana State University, and Alcorn State University.

The program entitled *MISS-LOU: Connecting Kids and Community, Military Families Initiative* is designed to meet the needs of military and non-military communities. This project will strengthen the partnership between 1862 and 1890 institutions. The partnership involves two 1862 institutions - Mississippi State University, and LSU, and two

1890 institutions - Alcorn State University and Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center.

The overall vision is to establish a comprehensive program that will educate and strengthen the lives of youth in military families by connecting them to available resources and community support on a continual basis.

Each university is using the community or victory garden concept to support out-of-school time programs for youth; specifically youth that have parents/guardians in the Military National Guard and Reserve. Participants will have the opportunity to gain knowledge and hands-on experience through the

use of innovative strategies that encourage participation. Activities will also enhance and expand family relationships, community service, character development, health and well being, and career/workforce readiness skills development. In Louisiana, local community groups in Zachary will support the mentoring component of this project; groups include the Zachary Men's Club and AARP. The SU Ag Center is hosting the 8-week summer component of the program. Tiffany Franklin serves as Project Coordinator and Stephanie Elwood as Community Gardener.

## Mississippi, Louisiana Small Farmers Exchange Information

On May 23, small farmers from Mississippi and Louisiana converged in St. Helena Parish for a field day which attracted more than 20 producers.

The purpose of the gathering was to exchange ideas about new technology as it relates to small truck farming, gardening, developing and expanding farms into larger businesses, forming and maintaining cooperatives, adapting the Asset Building concepts, and establishing fellowship. The goal of this initiative is to increase the wealth of southern small farmers and business owners.

Among the participants were staff of the Center for Rural and Small Business Development and other representatives from Southern University Ag Center. Other field day participants included: Winston County Self Help Cooperative (WCSHC) Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program (BFRDP), a group of small truck farm producers from Louisville Mississippi; St. Helena Cattle Company, Heifer Project International (HPI); Carl James Farm, LLC, and several small business owners who were interested in developing cooperatives.



Participants interact in the field

## Mississippi, Louisiana Field Day

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Frank Taylor, WCSHC's president stated that the objectives of the event were to: build and strengthen the capacity of collaborative partners and their efforts to join together to serve in leadership role, and bring people together who can contribute to the cooperative's goals; learn the importance of operating as unified entities in light of budget constraints in order to achieve profit and success; accomplish output to benefit the public such as farm produce, canning, finished quilting products, novelty and antique salvage items, and any other products that might generate profit. USDA, Rural Development has funded the groups in the past and they will continue to work hard to maintain the partnership.

The field day tour began at the headquarters of the St. Helena Cattle Company, Heifer Project International. Arriving at Rev. J. K. Holliday's Farms, the participants had a firsthand view of the variety of farm produce generated from eight acres of land given very intense and dedicated effort. Products included: blue berries, snap beans, okra, several different types of peas, corn, among other crops. Holliday shared with participants some pertinent information on what does and does not work in farming.

A luncheon which was served at Turner Chapel, A.M.E Church in Greensburg was sponsored by Warner Hall and the St. Helena HPI group. The Winston County Self Help Cooperative and other participant expressed their appreciation for the meal.

Next, the group stopped at Magnolia Pines, LLC Buffalo ranch which houses more than 25 heads of buffalo in St. Helena Parish. The owners, Otis Markham, Linda Sharpless and Frankie Baker, have a desire to mass-produce a better quality of meat lower in fat content than beef. This is one of two buffalo ranches in the state of Louisiana; the other ranch is located in Shreveport.

The group's last stop was at the garden of Warner Hall where participants observed one of the best looking gardens imaginable. Produce such as okra, tomatoes, melons, beans, peas, corn, and many other different kinds of crops were almost ripe for harvest. Hall is interested in forming a cooperative group and expanding to become a small business owner.



**Blueberries ripe for harvest**



**Warner Hall in his garden**

## Producers, Youth Reap Huge Benefits from Goat Field Day

The Southern University Ag Center held its 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Goat Field Day on Saturday, April 30 in A.O. Williams Hall. This educational event was open to anyone currently involved in goat production as well as those who are interested in learning more about raising goats. More than 50 producers were in attendance. The Louisiana association of cooperatives made a donation with which a female kid goat was purchased for a raffle drawing. Todd Landry, Jr. of Plattenville won the prize. The ten-year old will groom the kid for upcoming shows. After that, he will breed it to generate more kids for showing.

This year's event featured presentations on integrated parasite management, including FAMACHA training, record keeping, marketing strategies, and forage-based production. Challenges and opportunities were addressed during the questions and answers session.

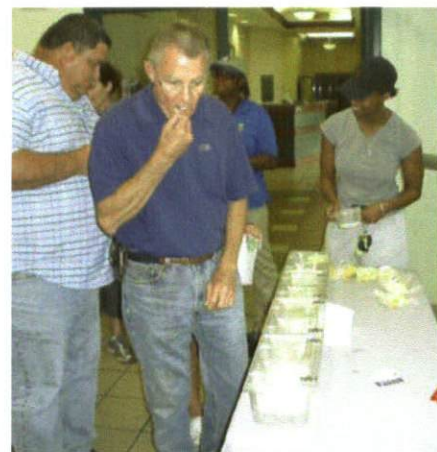
The day also included demonstrations and hands-on training on fecal eggs count in the wet lab, goat sausage-making, and a farmer's market set-up and sales.

Sebhatu Gebrelul, professor of animal science and Lisa Gray, research associate, coordinated the event in collaboration with LSU Vet School and LSU AgCenter.

"The hands-on demonstration including goat sausage-making and web lab fecal egg count were rated among the highest activities by participants. Each year the field day gets better because the evaluation helps modify the curriculum to meet future participants' needs. My sincere thanks go to participants and their useful feedback," said Gray.



Raffle winner Todd Landry, Jr. takes kid home for show grooming



Participants sample goat products

## Morehouse Parish Students Take Lessons from Classroom to Garden

In Morehouse Parish, first graders at Henry V. Adams Elementary can now say they know how a garden grows. They had hands-on experience planting, watering and watching as seeds grew into vegetables.

As First-grade teachers, Terri Carson and Ora Watson began teaching about living and non-living things, they decided to let the children actually see how the plant cycle works.

“We planted watermelons, sunflowers, corn, tomatoes, cantaloupe, and cucumbers,” Carson said. “We’ve got two tomatoes that have popped up and several blooms. I’ve explained to the children that the blooms will become vegetables.”

Odis Hill, extension agent with the Southern University Ag Center, received a call from the school saying they wanted a garden. Thus, on April 13, Hill went out and helped them design and plant one.

“The children were really excited about the different kinds of seeds,” Hill said. “Some they were familiar with, and some they weren’t.

They really enjoyed getting their hands in the soil and planting them.”

In addition to the Ag Center, other area businesses who contributed to the garden were Bastrop Wal-Mart, Bastrop Feed and Seed Yak Produce in Union Parish.

Student Delbert Langston was amazed by his first experience with planting vegetables.

“It’s beautiful,” Langston said. “It was fun to put the seeds in the dirt and water it.”

Although the children won’t be able to see the garden in full bloom with May 25 being their last day of attendance, Carson has hope that the garden will still have a few vegetables in it through September.

“Our janitor, Burpo, will be watering and caring for the garden this summer,” Carson said. “He’s been helping us with it and he watches it very closely. When I get my new group of first graders next year, we’ll begin a new garden with them.”



Adams Elementary students plant a vegetable garden

The article entitled “Lessons move from classroom to garden” was covered by the Bastrop Daily Enterprise on May 20. Full story available at:

[www.bastropenterprise.com](http://www.bastropenterprise.com)

## Faculty, staff activities, accomplishments

### SU Ag Center to Partner with Scenic Alternative School

A group of 15 students toured the facilities of Southern University Ag Center on May 26 with hopes of future collaborative work. These students along with some correctional officers came from Scenic Alternative School, Jettison Youth Correctional Facility (JCY).

At 8:00 am, the group arrived at the SU Ag Center research station in Baker where they observed the beef and goat operation, including the forage plots. Later, they visited the green house complex as well as the Circle Garden project on the grounds of Southern University, Baton Rouge. Next, they toured the poultry unit, and then went to lunch. They finished the day with a nutrition and taste-testing session, tour of the SU Ag Center facility and a riding tour of the SUBR campus.

The goal of the visit was for JCY to

**Sarah Sims**, extension aide, Madison Parish conducted emergency preparedness for 375 youth in the Madison Parish School System on May 6. Students who participated in farm safety day learned how to prepare for a disaster.

The adult parish-wide emergency preparedness event attracted approximately 1,300 concerned citizens to the community center to receive emergency preparedness information and training on May

partner with SU Ag Center and learn how to raise plants and animals as a means of developing leadership skills and healthy eating habits among the youth.

Girard J. Melancon sent an email to Christie Monroe after the visit stating: "Mrs. Monroe, Our hats go off to you! Your team has done a great job demonstrating all the great work SU Ag is doing in Baton Rouge. Our youth left inspired and ready to move forward with our partnership. Again, thank you for being so willing to partner with us and assisting us to take our youth to the next level."

Future planning meetings include the development of a curriculum for classroom instruction and experiential learning in areas of interest to the youth. A potential certification component is also in the discussion stage.

12. Participants received information on the Mississippi River flood stage and conditions of the levee.

Sims also held a school garden strawberry harvest with 3<sup>rd</sup> graders. Students said that the berries they grew were "the best tasting strawberries compared to store bought berries."

She coordinated youth tree-planting in the first phase of the school landscape project. Youth planted a total of 40 cypress, 10



Students tour the green house



Monroe, right explains egg formation



School garden strawberry harvest

oak, 15 crepe myrtle and 10 magnolia trees.



## SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND EXTENSION CENTER

**Dawn Mellion-Patin**, PhD, agricultural specialist organized a Beef Cattle & Citrus Field Day on Saturday, May 28, at 5A Farm of Algy and Mary Irvin in Thibodaux, Louisiana that attracted more than 50 participants. Agents from different agencies including the LSU AgCenter, SARE (Sustainable Agriculture Research & Education) and the NRCS were in attendance. Some of the speakers included Dr. Chris Robichaux,

SU Ag Center, SARE Co-State Coordinator; Stuart Gardner, NRCS, Rangeland Management Specialist; Dr. Fatemeh Malekian, SU Ag Center-Nutrition Specialist; Dr. David Himelrick, LSU AgCenter/Fruit Crops and Randolph Joseph, Area Conservationist, NRCS.

The field day consisted of demonstrations/workshops on Successful Livestock Practices, Grazing Land

Conservation, Health Benefits of Citrus and Pasture, Citrus grafting and Hay Management. There was a ranch tour in the afternoon of the Irvin Ranch with four pasture stops.

Slide show images and a photo gallery are available at:

[http://www.lsuagcenter.com/en/our\\_offices/parishes/Rapides/Features/Crops\\_Livestock/Beef-Cattle--Citrus-Field-Day.htm](http://www.lsuagcenter.com/en/our_offices/parishes/Rapides/Features/Crops_Livestock/Beef-Cattle--Citrus-Field-Day.htm)

### Dr. Dawn Mellion-Patin Selected for Excellence Award

The Association of Extension Administrators (AEA) has selected Dr. Dawn Mellion-Patin for the 1890 Excellence in Extension Award in the area of Agriculture and Natural Resources. The letter

announcing the selection for the award reads:

“On behalf of the Association of Extension Administrators (AEA), I would like to congratulate you on this outstanding accomplishment.

As an award recipient, AEA will recognize you with a \$500.00 check and plaque at the 2011 summer meeting on June 20-24, in St. Louis.”

## Upcoming Events

**June 7:** Training on Family Stress, JET, Baton Rouge. For more information, contact: Delores Johnson, parent educator, (225) 771-2242 ext. 237

**June 14:** Training on Family Stress, JET, Baton Rouge. For more information, contact: Delores Johnson, parent educator, (225) 771-2242 ext. 237

**June 16-18:** Family & Youth Exposition, Southern University Ag Center, Ashford O. Williams Hall. For more information, contact: Wanda Burke (225)-771-2242

**June 21:** Training on Family Stress, JET, Baton Rouge. For more information, contact: Delores Johnson, parent educator, (225) 771-2242 ext. 237

**June 25:** Beef Cattle Field Day at Southern University Ag Center, A.O. Williams Hall. For more information, contact Renita Marshall at (225)771-2242.

**June 28:** Training on Family Stress, JET, Baton Rouge. For more information, contact: Delores Johnson, parent educator, (225) 771-2242 ext. 237

CERTIFIED RETURN RECEIPT

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Dear Dr. Mellion-Patin:

I am pleased to announce you have been selected as the 2011 1890 Excellence in Extension Award winner in the area of Agriculture and Natural Resources. On behalf of the Association of Extension Administrators (AEA), I would like to congratulate you on this outstanding accomplishment.

As an award recipient, AEA will recognize you with a \$500.00 check and plaque at the 2011 summer meeting on June 20-24, 2011, in St. Louis, MO. A block of rooms has been reserved under the name of Association of Extension Administrators at the Hyatt Regency Hotel at the Arch, 315 Chestnut Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63102. To make your reservations, please call the Hyatt at 1-888-421-1442 before May 23.

We encourage you to update the application package that you entered into the 1890 Excellence in Extension Award Program and submit it for consideration in the ECOP Excellence in Extension Award Program for the 1890 Regional Award. Please note the deadline for the ECOP submission is June 1, 2011. It is the desire of the Association to increase the number of 1890 submissions to the ECOP award program.

Again, congratulations.

Sincerely,



Delbert Foster  
1890 Excellence in Extension Award, Chair

cc: Dr. Gina Eubanks  
Dr. M. Ray McKinney  
Dr. Celvia Stovall  
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- North Carolina A&T State University 1891
- West Virginia State University 1891
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- Lingston University (OK) 1897
- Tennessee State University 1912

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