

# **SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**(Following the Academic Affairs Committee)**

**Friday, May 13, 2011**

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

## **AGENDA**

1. Call to Order and Invocation
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of the Agenda
4. Public Comments
5. Special Recognition
6. Action Items
  - A. Minutes of the April 29, 2011 regular meeting of the Southern University Board of Supervisors
  - B. Committee Reports and Recommendations
    - 1.) Finance and Audit Committee
    - 2.) Facilities and Property Committee
    - 3.) SU Laboratory School Committee
    - 4.) Academic Affairs Committee
  - C. Resolutions
7. Informational Reports
  - A. System's Report -- Project Positive Direction
  - B. Chancellors' Report
8. Other Business
9. Adjournment

**Southern University Board of Supervisors**

Friday, April 29, 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 Mr. Montrell McCaleb.

**Present**

Mr. Darren G. Mire, Chairman  
Atty. Murphy F. Bell, Vice Chairman  
Mr. Patrick W. Bell  
Mr. Richard J. Caiton  
Atty. Tony M. Clayton  
Atty. Walter C. Dumas  
Atty. Warren A. Forstall  
Atty. Randale L. Gaines  
Mr. Walter Guidry  
Mr. Myron K. Lawson  
Atty. Patrick D. Magee  
Mrs. Lea P. Montgomery  
Mr. Murphy Nash, Jr.  
Mr. Randale Scott  
Mr. Achilles Williams

**Absent**

Atty. Patrick O. Jefferson

**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. Williams, seconded by Atty. Gaines, the agenda was adopted, as printed.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

Public comments relative to the appointment of the Chancellor for Southern University-Baton Rouge were expressed by the following individuals:

- Dr. Sudhir Trivedi, President of the SUBR Faculty Senate
- Ms. Toni Jackson, President of the SUBR Staff Senate

#### SUBR Faculty Members

- Dr. Eva Baham
- Dr. Nusrat Nagvi
- Dr. Diola Bagayoko

#### SUBR Students

- Maisha Robinson
- Russell LeDet
- Robert Florida, Jr.
- Polite Stewart, Jr.

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

#### A. Minutes of the March 28, 2011 regular meeting of the SU Board of Supervisors

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

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the minutes of the March 28, 2011 regular meeting of the Board be and they are hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

B. Committee Reports and Recommendations

**1.) Academic Affairs Committee**

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

Motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee, that the following recommendations for Tenure and Promotion on the Southern University – Law Center Campus and the Southern University – Baton Rouge Campus, be and they are hereby approved.

**Promotion and/or Tenure**

SULC

Promotion and Tenure

Ruth Hill	Professor
Paul Race	Associate Professor

SUBR

Promotion

H. Wayne Jerro	Professor
Albert Samuels	Professor
Nigel Gwee	Associate Professor

Promotion and Tenure

Vosha Henderson	Associate Professor
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Tenure Only

James A. Taylor

Promotion Denials

Guogiang Li  
Oswald D'Avergne

Promotion and Tenure Denial

Lynn Baker-Loftin

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee, that the 405© Long-Term Contract Renewals for five years and promotion in rank to Associate Professor of Clinical Education for Alvin Washington, Marcia Burden and Christian Fasullo be and they are hereby approved.

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**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee, that the Five-Year Strategic Plan for the Southern University – Law Center be and it is hereby approved.

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**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee, that the degrees to be conferred upon the candidates for graduation at the Commencement Exercises at Southern University – Baton Rouge, as recommended by President Ronald Mason, Jr. and Chancellor Kofi Lomotey, upon approval and recommendations of the Faculty, Council of Academic Deans, and appropriate administrative officers, be and they are hereby approved.

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**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee, that the degrees to be conferred upon the candidates for graduation at the Commencement Exercises at Southern University – New Orleans, as recommended by President Ronald Mason, Jr. and Chancellor Victor Ukpolo, upon approval and recommendations of the Faculty, Council of Academic Deans, and appropriate administrative officers, be and they are hereby approved.

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**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee, that the degrees to be conferred upon the candidates for graduation at the Commencement Exercises at Southern University – Shreveport, as recommended by President Ronald Mason, Jr. and Chancellor Ray Belton, upon approval and recommendations of

the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Faculty, and appropriate administrative officers, be and they are hereby approved.

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**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee, that the degrees to be conferred upon the candidates for graduation at the Commencement Exercises at Southern University – Baton Rouge, as recommended by President Ronald Mason, Jr. and Chancellor Freddie Pitcher, upon approval and recommendations of the Faculty, and appropriate administration officers, be and they are hereby approved.

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**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee, that the Letter of Intent and Proposal to revise the existing Certificate of Technical Studies in Medical Coding to the Certificate of Applied Sciences in Medical Coding at Southern University at Shreveport be and they are hereby approved.

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**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee, that the Letter of Intent and Proposal for Certificate in Nursing Assistant at Southern University at Shreveport be and they are hereby approved.

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**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee, that the Annual Reports from SUBR, SUNO, SULC and SUSLA for presentation to the Louisiana Board of Regents, per the LA GRAD Act, be and they are hereby certified.

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**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee, that Southern University at Shreveport's request to award Honorary Doctorate Degrees of Humane Letters upon the individuals named below in recognition of their distinguished service to the Shreveport-Bossier Community and the nation, be and it is hereby approved.

- Dr. Harry Blake – Pastor of the Mount Canaan Baptist Church, Shreveport, LA
- Dr. Brady L. Blade, Sr. – Pastor of the Zion Baptist Church, Shreveport, LA
- Dr. E Edward Jones – Pastor of the Galilee Baptist Church, Shreveport, LA

## 2.) Athletics Committee

On motion of Atty. Magee, seconded by Atty. Forstall, the following resolutions and/or recommendations from the April 19 and April 29 Committee meetings were approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

### ***April 19, 2011***

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the action of the Athletics Committee to defer the personnel matter relative to Mr. Robert Spivery, Head Coach of Men's Basketball at SUBR to the System President for his recommendation to the Board at its April 29, 2011 meeting be and it is hereby accepted.

### ***April 29, 2011***

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Athletics Committee, that the revisions to the SUBR Strategic Plan Goals and Objectives to address outcomes related to student athletes, be and they are hereby approved.

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**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Athletics Committee, that the employment termination of Mr. Greg LaFleur as Director of Athletics at Southern University – Baton Rouge; effective May 6, 2011, be and it is hereby ratified.

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**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Athletics Committee, that the interim appointment of Ms. LaSandra Pugh as Director of Athletics at Southern University – Baton Rouge, effective April 7, 2011 to June 30, 2011 at a pro-rated annual salary of \$113,800 and pro-rated annual housing allowance of \$12,000, be and it is hereby approved.

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Athletics Committee, that the recommendation from the System President for settlement of the contract dispute between Southern University – Baton Rouge and Mr. Robert Spivery, Head Coach of Men’s Basketball, be and it is hereby approved. The settlement amount was more than \$50,000 but less than the amount remaining under the contract.

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**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the action of the Athletics Committee to defer discussion and a recommendation relative to the transfer of Bayou Classic operations to SUBR to a later meeting be and it is hereby accepted.

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**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Athletics Committee, that the appointment of Mr. Roman Banks as the Head Coach of Men’s Basketball at Southern University - Baton Rouge, with a three-year contract, beginning May 1, 2011 at an annual salary of \$115,000, be and it is hereby approved.

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**Informational Item—**

Report on the Department of Athletics, including gender equity, diversity and well-being of SUBR student athletes

- 3.) Facilities and Property Committee**
- 4.) Finance and Audit Committee**
- 5.) Legislative Committee**
- 6.) Student Affairs Committee**

On motion of Atty. Clayton, seconded by Mr. Caiton, the following reports and recommendations were approved.

Motion carried unanimously.



## 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 reports be and it is hereby received.

- Correction of Ravine Erosion at Jesse N. Stone and E.C. Harrison  
(SUBR Campus Roads)
- Emergency Preparedness Plan, by Campus

## Finance and Audit Committee

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Finance and Audit Committee, that the request from the SU Law Center to increase its resident tuition by 10%, effective Fall 2011 Semester, be and it is hereby approved.

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**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Finance and Audit Committee, that the Southern University Foundation's Notarial Act of Correction for the Cooperative Endeavor and Lease Agreement between SUBR and Millennium Housing, LLC., be and it is hereby ratified.

Informational Items--

- Interim Financial Reports, as of March 31, 2011, by Campus
- Summary of Federal Audit Findings, 2008-2009 and 2009-2010, by Campus

## Legislative Committee

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

- Pre-filed Legislation Impacting Higher Education
- SU Day at the Capitol

## Student Affairs Committee

No recommendations from the Committee.

- C. House Concurrent Resolution No. 15 (2011 1<sup>st</sup> Extraordinary Session of the Louisiana Legislature) urging and requesting the SU Board of Supervisors to name the Administration Building at Southern University at New Orleans in honor of former Chancellor, Dr. Emmett W. Bashful

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

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that House Concurrent Resolution No. 15 requesting the SU Board of Supervisors to name the Administration Building at Southern University at New Orleans in honor of former Chancellor, Dr. Emmett W. Bashful, be and it is hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

### D. Resolutions

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

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the following resolutions be and they are hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

### Condolences

- Mrs. Helen "Dean" Barron Cook
- Mr. Eugene Appleton
- Mr. Henry Louis "Dickie" Thurman, Jr.
- Mrs. Neitha Joubert Grimes
- Mrs. Catherine Jackson Simon
- Mrs. Geraldine George
- Mr. Billy Jenkins
- Mrs. Monica W. Mire

### Appreciation

- The Southern Christian Leadership Conference for its resolution opposing the merger between SUNO and UNO which was presented to the Board by Atty. Gaines.

### Congratulations

- SUBR student athletes in Tennis, Bowling and Women's Basketball for winning 2011 SWAC Championship Titles
- Recent SU retirees

- E. Recommendation from the System President regarding the appointment of SUBR Chancellor
- F. Appointment of Chancellor for Southern University – Baton Rouge

System President Mason requested the Board to defer the appointment of a Chancellor of the Southern University – Baton Rouge campus at this time; and, allow him to continue vetting the three finalist candidates for Chancellor of SUBR in order to provide a responsible and well thought out recommendation to the Board at its May 13 meeting.

A motion was offered by Mr. Bell and seconded by Atty. Bell, for the Board to defer the appointment of a Chancellor, in accordance with the President's request.

Discussion ensued.

A substitute motion was offered by Atty. Clayton and seconded by Mr. Caiton, for the Board to appoint Dr. James L. Llorens as Chancellor of the Southern University – Baton Rouge campus.

Discussion continued.

A motion was offered by Mr. Bell and seconded by Mr. Williams to end the debate.

Motion carried unanimously.

The roll was called on the substitute motion to appoint Dr. James Llorens as Chancellor of the Southern University - Baton Rouge Campus.

The motion passed. **11 yeas:** Mire, Caiton, Clayton, Dumas, Gaines, Lawson, Magee, Montgomery, Nash, Scott, and Williams; **3 nays:** P. Bell, Forstall, and Guidry; and **1 abstention:** M. Bell.

Dr. James Llorens, newly appointed SUBR Chancellor, was presented to the Board. Dr. Llorens expressed his appreciation for his appointment and pledged his best efforts in fulfilling the responsibilities of positions.

**AGENDA ITEM 6: INFORMATIONAL REPORTS**

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

**AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS**

The Board of Supervisors and Administrators were invited to view the faculty exhibits from the College of Science in the lobby of the J.S. Clark Administration Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor.

**AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT**

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

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Secretary, S.U. Board of Supervisors

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Chairman, S.U. Board of Supervisors

**ATHLETICS COMMITTEE**

3:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 19, 2011

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

**Minutes**

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

**PRESENT**

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

**ABSENT**

None

**UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING**

Chancellor Kofi Lomotey (SUBR)

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**BOARD COUNSEL**

Attys. Winston DeCuir, Jr., and Tracie Woods

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

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

Motion carried unanimously.

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

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

Motion carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 5: PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**AGENDA ITEM 6: ACTION ITEMS**

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

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

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

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

-EXECUTIVE SESSION-

Committee Member Patrick Bell arrived at the meeting.

-OPEN SESSION-

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

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

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

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

B. Recommendation

None

**AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT**

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

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Secretary, S.U. Board of Supervisors

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Chairman, S.U. Board of Supervisors

**ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
Friday, April 29, 2011  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, J.S. Clark Administration Building  
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Baton Rouge, Louisiana

**Minutes**

The meeting of the Academic Affairs Committee of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by the Vice-Chairman, Mr. Walter Guidry. The invocation was given by Mr. Patrick W. Bell.

**PRESENT**

Mr. Walter Guidry, Vice Chairman  
Atty. Tony M. Clayton  
Mr. Randal Scott  
Mr. Achilles Williams  
Mr. Darren G. Mire, Ex Officio

**ABSENT**

Atty. Patrick O. Jefferson

**UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING**

System President Ronald Mason, Jr.  
Evoia 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 Ukpolo (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. Forstall, seconded by Mr. Williams, the agenda was adopted, as printed.

Motion carried unanimously.



**AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Tenure and Promotion Recommendations**

- 1.) SULC
- 2.) SUBR

On motion of Mrs. Montgomery, seconded by Mr. Williams, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, the following recommendations for Tenure and Promotion.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Promotion and/or Tenure**

SULC

Promotion and Tenure

Ruth Hill	Professor
Paul <i>Race</i>	Associate Professor

SUBR

Promotion

H. Wayne Jerro	Professor
Albert Samuels	Professor
Nigel Gwee	Associate Professor

Promotion and Tenure

Vosha Henderson	Associate Professor
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Tenure Only

James A. Taylor

Promotion Denials

Guogiang Li  
Oswald D'Avergne

Promotion and Tenure Denial

Lynn Baker-Loftin

**B. ABA Standard 405© Contract Renewal Recommendations, SULC**

On motion of Atty. Clayton, seconded by Mrs. Montgomery the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, 405 © Long-Term Contract Renewals for five years and promotion in rank to Associate Professor of Clinical Education for Alvin Washington, Marcia Burden, and Christian Fasullo.

Motion carried unanimously.

**C. Five-Year Strategic Plan, SULC**

**D. Candidates for Degrees, Spring 2011**

On motion of Mrs. Montgomery, seconded by Mr. Nash, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, the following---

- The Five-Year Strategic Plan for the SU Law Center
- Candidates for degrees at the Spring 2011 Commencement Exercises at SU Baton Rouge, SU at New Orleans, SU at Shreveport, and the SU Law Center

Motion carried unanimously.

**E. Letter of Intent and Proposal to revise the existing Certificate of Technical Studies in Medical Coding, SUSLA**

**F. Letter of Intent and Proposal for Certificate in Nursing Assistant, SUSLA**

On motion of Mrs. Montgomery, seconded by Atty. Forstall, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, the following—

-Letter of Intent and Proposal to revise the existing Certificate of Technical Studies in Medical Coding to the Certificate of Applied Sciences in Medical Coding at Southern University at Shreveport.

-Letter of Intent and Proposal to offer a Certificate in Nursing Assistant Program at Southern University at Shreveport

G. Certification on Annual Reports to the Board of Regents, per the LA Grad Act, by Campus

On motion of Mr. Nash, seconded by Mr. Williams, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, certification of the Annual Reports from SUBR, SUNO, SULC and SUSLA for presentation to the Louisiana Board of Regents, per the LA GRAD Act.

Motion carried unanimously.

H. Recommendations to award three Honorary Doctorate Degrees in Humane Letters, SUSLA

On motion of Mr. Williams, seconded by Atty. Forstall, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, Southern University at Shreveport's request to award Honorary Doctorate Degrees in Humane Letters to the individuals named below in recognition of their distinguished service to the Shreveport-Bossier Community and the nation.

-Dr. Harry Blake – Pastor of the Mount Canaan Baptist Church, Shreveport, LA

-Dr. Brady L. Blade, Sr. – Pastor of the Zion Baptist Church, Shreveport, LA

-Dr. E. Edward Jones – Pastor of the Galilee Baptist Church, Shreveport, LA

Motion carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS**

Board Member Guidry reported on the recent action by the Louisiana Board of Regents which terminated low-completer programs in higher education. The Foreign Language Program at SUBR was one such program. Mr. Guidry advised the Administration that, in future presentation to the Regents, the University should present strong arguments in defense of its programs.

**AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT**

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

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Secretary, S.U. Board of Supervisors

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Chairman, S.U. Board of Supervisors

**FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE**  
Friday, April 29, 2011  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, J.S. Clark Administration Building  
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Baton Rouge, Louisiana

**Minutes**

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

**PRESENT**

Mr. Myron K. Lawson, Chairman  
Atty. Warren A. Forstall, Vice Chairman  
Atty. Walter C. Dumas  
Mrs. Lea P. Montgomery  
Mr. Randale Scott  
Mr. Darren G. Mire, Ex Officio

**ABSENT**

Atty. Patrick O. Jefferson

**UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING**

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

Motion carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Proposed Increase in Resident Tuition, SULC**

On motion of Atty. Dumas, seconded by Atty. Forstall, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, the request from the SU Law Center to increase its resident tuition by 10%, effective Fall 2011 Semester.

Motion carried unanimously.

**B. Cooperative Endeavor Agreement for the Bayou Classic**

A number of Committee members expressed concern that the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement for the Bayou Classic was signed before it was reviewed and approved by the Board of Supervisors.

The Agreement between Southern University and Grambling State University and their respective Foundations provides for the handling of the auxiliary Bayou Classic activities by the Foundations. The document which was signed by the SU System President became effective October 1, 2010 and will terminate on December 31, 2014.

Other Bayou Classic contractual concerns expressed by Committee members related to the Marketing Service Agreement entered into by the Foundations and the New Orleans Convention Company. In this instance, note was made of the absence of a review by the S.U. Board's counsel and the substantial savings which could have been realized if the Universities would have handled the marketing of the Bayou Classic in house.

**C. Notarial Act of Correction for Cooperative Endeavor and Lease Agreement between SUBR and Millennium Housing, LLC**

On motion of Atty. Forstall, seconded by Mrs. Montgomery, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, ratification of the Southern University Foundation's Notarial Act of Correction for the Cooperative Endeavor and Lease Agreement between SUBR and Millennium Housing, LLC.

The purpose of the Notarial Act of Correction is to ensure that the Board's rental payments coincide with the timing of the interest and principal payments on the Foundation's loan.

Motion carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 6: INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

A. Interim Financial Reports, as of March 31, 2011

The Committee acknowledged receipt of the interim financial reports by System units, as of March 31, 2011.

Chairman Lawson announced that additional time will be allotted at the next Committee meeting for a more detailed review of the reports.

Mr. Guidry requested the Administration to provide at the next Committee meetings an impact statement from each Campus on the elimination of Pell Grants for Summer School.

B. Summary of Federal Audit Findings, 2008-2009 and 2009-2010.

Receipt of the report was acknowledged by the Committee.

At Atty. Forstall's request, Chancellor Ukpolo provided an explanation for the repeat audit findings on the SUNO Campus.

In response, Mr. Appleton reported that future repeat audit findings in some areas are expected to be eliminated or lessened with the implementation of the Banner System. At this time, two Banner Models are functioning: Human Resources and Finance.

**AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Atty. Forstall, 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, April 29, 2011  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, J.S. Clark Administration Building  
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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 Caiton  
Atty. Walter C. Dumas  
Atty. Myron K. Lawson  
Mr. Murphy Nash, Jr.  
Mr. Darren G. Mire, Ex Officio

**ABSENT**

None

**UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING**

System President Ronald Mason, Jr.  
Evola Bates, Chief of Staff  
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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 Atty. Forstall, seconded by Atty. Bell, the agenda was adopted, as printed.

Motion carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**AGENDA ITEM 5: INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**A. Correction of Ravine Erosion at Jesse N. Stone and E.C. Harrison (SUBR Campus Roads)**

Mr. Guidry commended the SUBR Facilities Personnel on their work with the Army Corps of Engineers to correct the ravine erosion problems at Jesse N. Stone and E.C. Harrison Roads.

**B. Emergency Preparedness Plans, by Campus**

The plans prepared and submitted by the respective campuses to address emergencies were acknowledged by the Committee.

**AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS**

In response to an inquiry by Mr. Caiton, the Committee was advised that University Officials meet weekly with FEMA representatives relative to the renovation of University Place on the Baton Rouge Campus. The project completion date remains unknown.

**AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT**

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

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Secretary, S.U. Board of Supervisors

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Chairman, S.U. Board of Supervisors



**ATHLETICS COMMITTEE**  
Friday, April 29, 2011  
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Baton Rouge, Louisiana

**Minutes**

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

**PRESENT**

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

**ABSENT**

None

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**BOARD COUNSEL**

Attys. Winston DeCuir, Jr., and Tracie Woods

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

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

Motion carried unanimously.

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

None

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

##### **A. Revisions to SUBR Strategic Plan to address outcomes related to Student Athletes**

On motion of Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Bell, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, the revision to the SUBR Strategic Plan Goals and Objectives to address outcomes related to student athletes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Lawson requested the administration to provide a report from the Campus on Enrollment Management.

##### **B. Recommendation for the Employment Termination of the Director of Athletics, SUBR**

On motion of Atty. Bell, seconded by Mr. Bell, the Committee approved and so recommends to the Board, ratification of the employment termination of Mr. Greg LaFleur as Director of Athletics at Southern University – Baton Rouge; effective May 6, 2011.

##### **C. Interim Appointment of Director of Athletics, SUBR**

On motion of Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Lawson, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, the appointment of Ms. LaSandra Pugh as Interim Director of Athletics at Southern University – Baton Rouge, effective April 7, 2011, at a pro-rated annual salary of \$113,800 and pro-rated annual housing allowance of \$12,000.

Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Pugh provided a report on changes made in the Athletics program during the first week she assumed the A.D.'s position. She also announced the upcoming "Red Carpet on the Bluff" activity on June 8 and the picnic at noon on April 29 for student athletes. The members were invited.

##### **D. President's recommendation regarding the Contractual Dispute involving the SUBR Head Coach of Men's Basketball**

On motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Bell, the Committee approved and so recommends to the Board the recommendation from the System President for the settlement of the contract dispute between Southern University and Mr. Robert Spivery, SUBR Head Coach of Men's Basketball. The Settlement was made than \$50,000 but less than the amount remaining under the agreement.

Motion carried unanimously.

E. Bayou Classic related contract with New Orleans Convention Company Withdrawn.

F. Recommendation for transfer of Bayou Classic Operation to SUBR

On motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Bell, the recommendation for transfer of Bayou Classic operations to SUBR was deferred until a later meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

G. Appointment of Head Men's Basketball Coach, SUBR

On motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Scott, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, the appointment of Mr. Roman Banks as the Head Coach of Men's Basketball at Southern University - Baton Rouge, with a three-year contract, beginning May 1, 2011 at an annual salary of \$115,000.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chancellor Lomotey reported on the search and selection procedures utilized in making his recommendation for the new Head Coach of Men's Basketball.

Mr. Scott requested that the new Coach work within the SU System to recruit Athletes.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 6: INFORMATIONAL REPORT**

A. Department of Athletics, including gender equity, diversity and well-being of student Athletes, SUBR

Receipt of the report was acknowledged by the Company.

**AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS**

The Committee recognized the presence of Coach Jeff Canyers and members of the Women's Tennis Team and Coach Karen Coscvillion and members of the SUBR's Bowling Team, both 2011 SWAC Champions.

**AGENDA ITEM 8: 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

**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**  
Friday, April 29, 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 Legislative Committee Committee of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by the Chairman, Mr. Patrick W. Bell.

**PRESENT**

Mr. Patrick W. Bell, Chairman  
Atty. Walter C. Dumas, Vice Chairman  
Atty. Warren A. Forstall  
Atty. Randal Gaines  
Mr. Myron K. Lawson  
Atty. Patrick D. Magee  
Mrs. Lea P. Montgomery  
Mr. Darren G. Mire, Ex Officio

**ABSENT**

None

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**BOARD COUNSEL**

Attys. Winston DeCuir, Jr., and Tracie Woods

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

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

Motion carried unanimously.

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

None

#### **AGENDA ITEM 5: INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

##### **A.) Pre-filed Legislation Impacting Higher Education**

Chairman Bell made available to the Committee a copy of pre-filed legislation impacting higher education, in general and Southern University, specifically. The following were highlighted:

HB562 – Higher Education Boards Training Requirements

HB391 – Abolishment of Louisiana Board of Regents

HB537 – SUNO and UNO Merger Provisions

(A Hearing on this bill by the House Education Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, May 4)

HB588 – Governance of Higher Education Institutions

SB140 - Postsecondary Education Board of Trustees

SB183 – New Orleans Postsecondary Education

(A Hearing on this bill by the Senate Education is scheduled for Thursday, May 5)

SB251 – Postsecondary Education Board of Trustees

HB173 – Higher Education President Compensation

HB577 – Higher Education Mergers

Several of the aforelisted were companions bills and some were duplicative.

It was also noted that pre-filed legislation calling for the merger of SUNO and UNO was based on reports of SUNO's low student graduation rate. However, Chancellor Ukpolo pointed out that only 14 of the 442 students in SUNO's 2011 Spring Commencement will be counted. The Committee was advised that the reason for the continuing reports of low graduation rates at SUNO results from the procedure used in calculating the rates.

**B.) SU Day at the Capitol**

Mr. Dennis Brown, SU National Alumni President, announced that approximately 300 persons attended the S.U. Day at the State Capitol on Tuesday, April 26.

The Committee's appreciation was extended to Mr. Brown for his efforts in the planning and implementation of this activity.

Board Members P. Bell, Atty. Bell, Atty. Dumas and Atty. Gaines were recognized for their attendance at this function.

**AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT**

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

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Secretary, S.U. Board of Supervisors

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Chairman, S.U. Board of Supervisors

**STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
Friday, April 29, 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 Student Affairs Committee of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by the Chairman, Mr. Randale Scott.

**PRESENT**

Mr. Randale Scott, Chairman  
Mr. Myron K. Lawson, Vice Chairman  
Atty. Tony M. Clayton  
Atty. Randal L. Gaines  
Mrs. Lea P. Montgomery  
Mr. Achilles Williams  
Mr. Darren G. Mire, Ex Officio

**ABSENT**

None

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

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

Motion carried unanimously.



**AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEMS**

A. Suspension of the Search for Assistant Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, SUBR

The Chairman announced that this matter had been addressed by the SUBR Administration.

**AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT**

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

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Secretary, S.U. Board of Supervisors

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Chairman, S.U. Board of Supervisors

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

# Chancellor's Report



## SIGNIFICANT ACCOMPLISHMENTS/ACHIEVEMENTS

### **John B. Cade Library Honors Pinkie Gordon Lane (1923-2008)**

On Wednesday, April 27, 2011, the first Pinkie Gordon Lane Poetry contest was sponsored by the John B. Cade Library. For 27 years, Dr. Lane was a faculty member in the Department of English at SUBR. For 12 of those years, she served as Chair of the Department of English. As a poet, Pinkie Gordon Lane received numerous honors throughout her career. These honors included being named Louisiana Poet Laureate, induction into the Louisiana Black History Hall of Fame, nomination for the Pulitzer Prize in Poetry and receipt of the National Council of Teachers of English Image Award.



Approximately 80 students submitted poems for consideration by the judges who were members of the Departments of English at both SUBR and LSUBR. Five students received "Honorable Mention" recognition.

They were:

Amanda Gibson - SUBR  
 Quintele Jackson - MSA Academy (West) (Plaquemine, LA)  
 Russell Ledet - SUBR  
 Bryston Marshall - EBR Lab Academy  
 Dyadra Saulsberry - MSA Academy (West)

The winners were: Destinee Hamilton, MSA Academy – 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
 Lea M. Fisher, B.R. Magnet High – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
 Jasmine Moore, SUBR – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

Dr. Lane's son, Gordon Lane, returned to Louisiana to participate on the program and pay tribute to his mother. Individuals and area businesses donated prizes for the winners. Individual plaques were also awarded to all students who were winners or received Honorable Mention, and certificates were given to all other participants. According to Dean Emma Perry, the Pinkie Gordon Lane Poetry contest will henceforth be an annual event sponsored by the University Library.

### **SUBR Interdenominational Gospel Choir Presents 2011 Spring Concert**

The Baton Rouge Campus is in the midst of its spring concerts, theatrical productions and musicals. The Interdenominational Gospel Choir conducted workshops on April 29-30, 2011 and presented an inspirational concert on Sunday, May 1, 2011. Reuben Griffin, the choir director, coordinated all activities. Everything was free and the public was encouraged to attend.

### **Honors Day Awards Program Held**

On April 26, 2011, the University held its annual Honors Day Awards Program. The theme for the program was "Pursuing Academic Excellence Against All Odds." Meritorious scholarships were awarded to deserving students by the various colleges and schools. Memorial awards honoring the memory of specific individuals were also presented, as were community organization awards, academic department awards, honor society awards, industrial awards and numerous other special awards. Hundreds of students were also recognized who made the Honor Roll, the dean's list, the straight "A" list, and those students who were Honors College participants.

This very special academic awards program is one that is highly anticipated and very well attended by parents/guardians, spouses and/or children of the honorees, other family members, friends and alumni. This year, the Chancellor's Student Award for Academic Excellence was presented to Jasmine Marissa Payne, a resident of Zachary, Louisiana who is a junior majoring in Electrical Engineering with a cumulative grade point average of 3.82. Following graduation from SUBR, Jasmine plans to attend graduate school and obtain a master's in Electrical Engineering.

### **Baton Rouge Campus Employees Received Business and Industry Cluster Award**

The SUBR Business and Industry Cluster recently held its Cluster Quality Award competition. A number of employees were nominated by their supervisors or by others and, some employees who felt that they were deserving nominated themselves. A University-wide committee was appointed to review the nominees and to recommend five faculty and five staff members to receive the award. As a result of applying agreed upon criteria, each of the individuals listed below received a \$200.00 cash award funded by the SUBR Business and Industry Cluster.

Stephone Addison	-	Faculty
Tracey Barton	-	Staff
Lakeeshia Giddens	-	Staff
Leslie Grover	-	Faculty

Darryl Harris	-	Staff
Vineeta Hingorani	-	Faculty
Sung Chul No	-	Faculty
Terry Steward	-	Staff
Rao Uppa	-	Faculty
Jonas Vanderbilt	-	Staff

### **University Continues to Prepare for Banner Implementation**

Faculty, staff and advisors on the Baton Rouge campus continue their training and preparation for implementation of the Banner Student Records components of Banner. On Wednesday and Thursday, May 11-12, 2011, three training sessions were scheduled. The three sessions took place at 9:00am – 12:00 noon and 1:00pm to 4:00pm on Monday and 9:00am – 12:00 noon on Thursday. All participants were required to pre-register for the workshops by an established deadline.

### **University Professor Featured on WAFB-TV9 for Volunteer Work**

According to Professor Doze Butler, she was taught by her parents at an early age the importance of giving something back in the form of service to others. Professor Butler's work with Habitat for Humanity was featured on the Channel 9 Evening News show. Through her own volunteerism, Professor Butler demonstrates for her students and others the importance of "giving back" through service.

Southern University has an apparel marketing class that once a semester takes on a very unusual assignment. Curtis Morton is one of the students Doze Butler hijacks for Habitat. "It was extra credit, and we did it to get our grades up, but once we got out there, we started doing it on our own," said Morton. "We started around 9 a.m. and kept working until 3." They worked in the heat and on a Saturday on Habitat for Humanity's house for a family named Mahogany.

Why Habitat? Butler may not have realized where it all started until 9 News spoke with her. You see, when she was a child in Tallulah, Louisiana, fire consumed her family's home. "It was just a few days before Christmas and we lost everything that we had, and the community reached out to us," said Butler. "I really think that that is what started me. I'm getting emotional when I start thinking about that!" She says it was difficult, but the way the community reached out to her family got her started giving back.

Over a decade ago, Doze began supporting Habitat while she lived in Wisconsin and then in Texas. In 2004, shortly after she moved back to Baton Rouge, Doze began volunteering on the Women Build construction site. She took three construction classes at the Red Shoes that Women Build House Leader Carol "Cooter" Smith taught. "Cooter taught me to hammer. Turns out, I had been hammering wrong," she said.

Now an accomplished carpenter, Doze's favorite day on site is framing day.

Students at Southern must do community service hours, but this volunteer project is not part of the required stuff. This teacher lives the philosophy that giving is part of a worthwhile life. And when students leave Doze Butler's class, they know how to give and they know why.

Capital One Bank, Volunteer United and WAFB honored Doze Butler with their Power of 9 award.

### **Media Update**

Southern University Professor Robert Cox appeared on WAFB-TV Ch. 9 on April 14 to promote the Senior Student Visual Arts Exhibition that was on display through April 27.

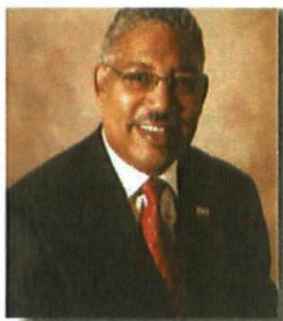


Both WAFB-TV Ch. 9 and WBRZ-TV Ch. 2 aired stories on April 14 about the College of Education's partnership with the Advance Baton Rouge Charter School Association. Dr. Verjanis Peoples, Dean of the College of Education, was interviewed by both stations.

On April 15, *The Advocate* published a story about Southern University College of Education's partnership with the Advance Baton Rouge Charter School Association.

On April 21 WBRZ-TV Ch. 2 did a story on a \$100,000 donation from Texas Instruments, presented by SU grad and TI executive Art George, to Southern's Department of Electrical Engineering.

Dr. Doze Butler, Associate Dean of the College of Agricultural, Family and Consumer Sciences, was featured April 29th on WAFB-TV Ch. 9's 6 p.m. newscast for her volunteerism, including her work with Habitat for Humanity.

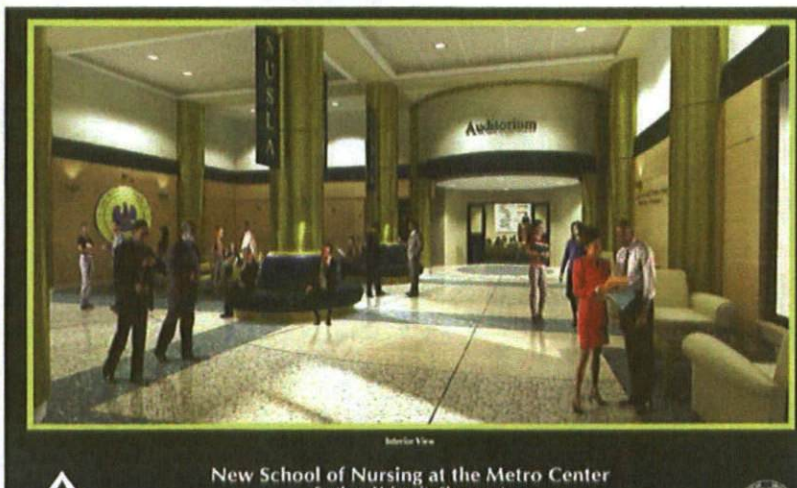


Dr. Ray L. Belton, Chancellor

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New School of Nursing at the Metro Center  
Southern University Shreveport

Dr. Ray Belton, Chancellor of Southern University at Shreveport, announced that the nursing school will refurbish this building at the corner of Texas and McNeill streets in downtown Shreveport to house its allied health and nursing programs during a news conference Thursday. / Greg Pearson/The Times

### SUSLA Announces New School of Nursing

After more than two and a half years, Southern University at Shreveport will have the space to double the amount of students in the nursing program. Officials announced Friday the acquisition of the Allen Building on the corner of Texas and McNeil streets in downtown Shreveport. The building, next door to the university's downtown location, will house the school of nursing. "Southern continues to evolve because of faculty and staff," said Ray Belton, SUSLA chancellor. "This day enables us to take the next step."

The finalized purchase came during some of the deepest budget cuts to higher education in recent years. The Louisiana Board of Regents agreed to purchase a building for the dramatic growth of the nursing program. As the state higher education management board began the process, budget cuts hit. But even as the cuts kept coming, officials worked on securing the building. The Regents, with help from Willis Knighton, were able to purchase the building for \$387,000. SUSLA also received some funding from the state, \$3 million, to help renovate the building. Belton said he expected renovation on the 25,797-square-foot building to begin in the fall.

The nursing program started in 2005 and has experienced increasing growth every year. Each year more than 300 applicants apply for 70 spots in the program, said Sandra Tucker, nursing dean. Each year, its graduates have scored in the 90th percentile on the National Counsel Licensure exam for registered nurses. Tucker has attributed the success of the program to its flexibility. They work with students' individual needs and teach them from where they are academically. However, for all the flexibility, it's one of the toughest programs on campus. To apply, prospective students have to complete the pre-admission exam, have a 2.5 grade-point average in at least 12 hours of classes taken at SUSLA and have taken all the prerequisites. Tucker said with the extra space the program will be able accept more students and grow two programs — certified nursing and a license practice nursing — where students can easily feed from one into the other. That means students can start in the certified nursing program and go directly into the LPN program. Tucker said the cohort of students selected will start in May with the transition happening January 2012. Tucker also she there would be a need to add more faculty. She anticipates about 300 to 400 students in the new building with 30 to 40 faculty members. "With the space and the money, we can expand," she said. "We can find the faculty. We get calls of nurses wanting to teach in our program all the time."

As a result, the allied health programs will also expand, Belton said. With the school of nursing moving next door, the allied health programs will stay in its current building and grow. However, will all the additional students coming in, parking will be more of an issue downtown. Belton said the school's foundation is in preliminary conversations with the other building owners on the block to build a multilevel parking garage.



Dr. Sandra Tucker, Dean  
School of Nursing

## EnCana Awards Southern University at Shreveport \$15,000

EnCana Oil and Gas Company awarded SUSLA \$15,000.00 to upgrade the Allied Health Skills Simulation Labs. The project will upgrade the existing labs to include scenarios for Emergency Medical Technician-Basic, Radiology Technology, Respiratory Therapy and Surgical Technology. The additional simulations will assist with the gap between theory and practice by immersing the students in realistic, dynamic and complex settings. The project aligns with EnCana's focus on sciences, trades and technology. The enhanced technology will contribute to the community by providing state-of-the art technology for consistency in education and skilled workforce.



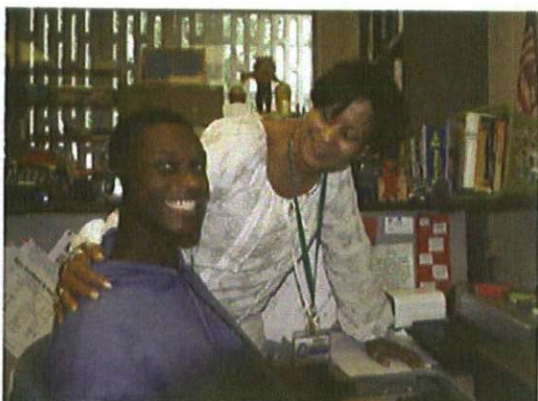
An open house, tour and check presentation to celebrate receiving the award with representatives from EnCana, University officials and supporters was held in the SUSLA Metro Campus on Friday, April 29, 2011.

## On the Health Scene...

### SUSLA HOSTS DISABILITY AWARENESS DAY 2010

Southern University at Shreveport Counseling Center invited professionals from the Shreveport-Bossier community to participate in its Annual "Disability Awareness Day". Table reservations were made for professionals in services and the provision of assistive technology to provide information to enhance the awareness of SUSLA's students, staff, and faculty on disabilities and available services for students with disabilities. The two hour event took place on Monday, October 18, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. in the breezeway between the Science Lecture Hall and the Fine Arts Building.

Two hundred participants attended the Disability Awareness Day event. Evaluation surveys were completed by 25% of those in attendance. 100% of those completing surveys were satisfied with the content of the activity and 92% selected an overall rating of "Excellent".



Knakita McMullen, CELT Instructor with student Mario Williams

Since the participants were satisfied with the activity, we will not change the content, material, and information. The Counseling Center will focus on efforts to increase vendor participation and increase or maintain the percent of excellent ratings for the 2011 event.

The disability awareness effort was continued with participation in a workshop, "Tutoring Students with Disabilities". Ms. Tiffany Manning, Tutorial Coordinator & Counselor-Student Support Services, scheduled tutors from all of her Tutorial Labs to attend the workshop. The Counseling Center invited Ms. Knakita McMullen, Director of the Community Education for life Transition (CELT) Program here at SUSLA, to be the presenter. Ms. McMullen has worked with the developmentally disabled population for more than 25 years. Feedback from the activity evaluation shows that the participants were 100% satisfied with the

material covered and with the clarity of the objectives. Overall, this was another opportunity to increase student access and success.

## THE NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENTS FELLOWSHIP (NTSF)

The Southern University at Shreveport (SUSLA) Counseling Center sponsors a club or fellowship for students who are older than the typical undergraduate student, usually 18-25 years of age. The fellowship was represented in the 2010-2011 Coronation by its first queen, Carolyn B. Grayson and her escort, Lonnell Young. Queen Grayson, who was recommended by our First President Sylvia Mayfield, still shares the positive impact of this meaningful experience on her college life and life in general. This is a true example of the purpose of this club; to provide connectivity to campus life, to minimize feelings of neglect and/or intimidation, and to increase opportunities for student access and success.



The group has been meeting bi-monthly for informational and hands-on technology workshops that have been scheduled by our present President, Senias Edwards. An excellent enhancement workshop with Ms. Tuesday Williams as presenter gave hands-on instructions and individual assistance with a Power Point presentation. The patience of Ms. Williams in working with the students on individual levels of understanding made this effort a great success. Mr. Justin Brown, Transfer Specialist – Registrar's Office, gave positive reinforcement in his informational presentation on schedules, transfers, and advisors assistance. Self efficacy was strengthened and the assurance that there are individuals ready and willing to help in the mission of student access and success was evident.

The present officers are as follows: President, Senias Edwards, Vice President, Lonnell Young, Secretary, Stephanie Beebe, and Assistant Secretary, Carolyn Grayson.

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## Counseling Center a Division of Student Affairs, Student Government Association (SGA) and David Raines Community Health Centers, "Getting Fly and Fit with the Jaguars" HEALTH & WELLNESS FAIR 2011

Southern University at Shreveport's 2011 Health & Wellness Fair was a service-oriented event that provided free health screenings, and health information booths to its students, faculty, staff, and to the community. The Fair, located in the Health and Physical Education Complex, was held on Wednesday, March 16, 2011 from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. The Health & Wellness Fair was free and opened to the public.

The mission of the Health & Wellness Fair was to promote free health screenings, encourage health consciousness on wellness and fitness, and to help improve general health among members of the University and the Community.

The Health & Wellness Fair is an event established by the Division of Student Affairs to help improve the health of Southern University at Shreveport community.

This activity was centered on about increasing awareness of health and fitness. The SGA provided the attendees with popcorn, fruit, water, and juice. The Health & Wellness Fair allowed opportunities for attendees to obtain important information and receive a variety of health screenings. They received free give-a-ways from the local exhibitors, and chances to win door prizes through a raffle which were donated by exhibitors. Winners were drawn every 15 minutes.

This year more than 30 organizations donated their time and talents to the Health & Wellness Fair. Since this was a four (5) hour event, Zeta Phi Beta (Zeta Iota Zeta Chapter) provided a hospitality room with refreshments for exhibitors.

David Raines Community Health Centers provided cholesterol testing and Smart Health Care provided glucose testing.

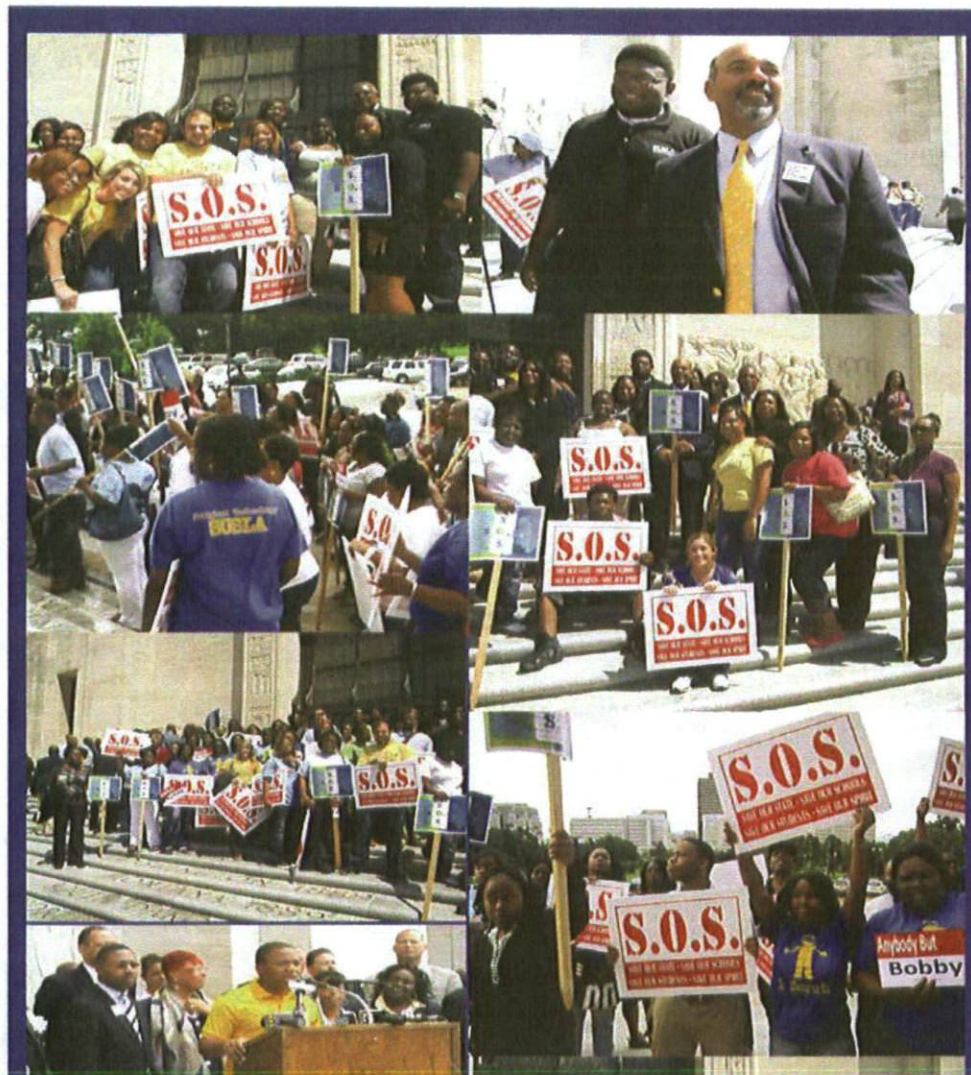
Vision testing was done by Sam's Club, and representatives from the Philadelphia Center provided HIV testing and counseling. Also, LifeShare Blood Center was on site for those who wanted to donate blood and bone marrow.

Southern University at Shreveport students from different disciplines participated in the Health & Wellness Fair. Students in the Nursing Program at Southern University at Shreveport provided weight, height, and blood pressure screenings. The medical students from Shreveport Job Corps conducted the screening process.





# SU Day At the Capitol



The Department of Student Activities in collaboration with the Office of Recruitment traveled to the State Capitol in Baton Rouge on April 26, 2011 to participate in Southern Day on the Capitol and the Save Our Southern (SOS) system campaign.

Dr. Sharon F. Green, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, Mrs. Rebecca Gilliam, Director of Student Activities, Mrs. Rhalanda Jackson, Director of Admissions & Recruitment, and Mrs. Shelia Swift Radiologic Technology Program Director accompanied 42 students to the rally against the proposed merger of SUNO and UNO and the overall support of the Southern University System.

For many of the students participating in the rally, this was their first time seeing the State Capitol and the Southern University Baton Rouge Campus. Working collaboratively with the Department of Allied Health, Student Government Association, and Recruitment allows a broad mix of students the opportunity to experience how politics and education intermix and more importantly how what they

do today and learn at SUSLA impacts generations to come. While at the Capitol, students were able to hear and meet state legislators and prominent religious leaders.

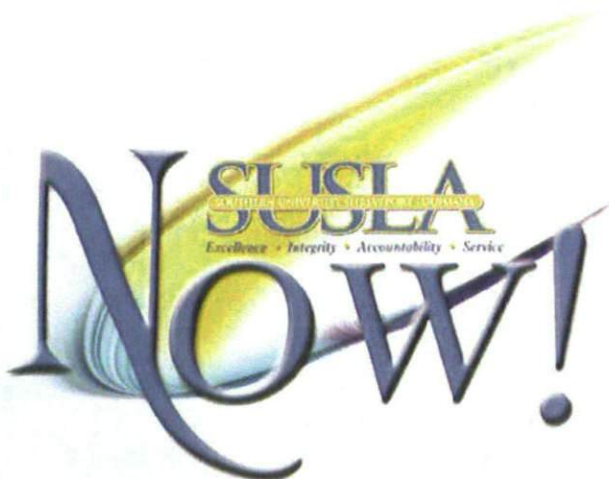
This trip helps to reinforce the goals listed in the Division of Student Affairs strategic plan. They include: Increasing opportunities for student access and success; Fostering student person growth, coherent values, ethical standards, and civic responsibility; Increasing institutional partnerships while enhancing the academic careers, and

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## Researchers and Students Share Study Findings at Atlanta Symposium

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Southern University faculty, staff and students presented 30 research projects at the 16<sup>th</sup> Biennial Association of Research Directors' Symposium. Students, faculty, and staff from the nation's Historically Black Land-grant Universities converged in Atlanta, Georgia, April 9-13.

Ten SU students contested in the oral and poster categories. Laporchia Collins, undergraduate student in Agricultural Economics Program placed first in the student oral competition.



**Collins, left, and Meyinsse**

Collins was mentored by her academic advisor, Dr. Patricia Meyinsse.

Her research, "An Empirical Analysis of Factors Influencing Students Nutritional Awareness, Food Label

Use, and Perceptions of Health Status," was presented during the family, youth, community and economic development session. The judges were impressed by her presentation style and thoroughness in answering questions. She has been an outstanding student in the agricultural economics program.

Collins was a recipient of the USDA National Scholarship from 2007-2011 and will graduate with a GPA of 3.978 on May 13, 2011.

## SU Ag Center Joins the System for Rally at the Capitol

The SU Ag Center joined the petition to "Support Our Southern" at the Louisiana State Capitol on April 26. Displays were set up in the Capitol's Rotunda and open to the public.

The Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center provided an exhibit at the event. The exhibit portrayed the various research and outreach activities at the SU Ag Center in-

cluding the favorite hibiscus tea, a signature feature of the Ag Center research. Yadong Qi, Professor of Urban Forestry at SU and her graduate students pre-

pared the tea and served the public at the event.

Schedule of activities included, SU rally, committee visits, campus displays, alumni and community assembly at the capitol steps.



**Graduate student, Nicholas, explains benefits of hibiscus to booth visitors**

# Business Procurement Conference Highly Successful

The SU Agriculture Research and Extension's Center for Rural and Small Business Development hosted its 7<sup>th</sup> Annual "Connecting Businesses with Contracts Procurement Conference" on March 29. The event was a great success and received excellent evaluation ratings from attendees. More than 500 participants attended the conference including exhibitors, visitors, and workers who had opportunities to network, share business and contract information, and receive training. Conference hosts and partners included Southern University System Foundation, Center for Rural and Small Business Development, State and Federal USDA agencies, Rural Business Cooperative Services, Louisiana District Office – U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), Louisiana SBDC, and Louisiana Procurement Technical Assistance Center (PTAC).

This annual event continues to offer potential and existing contractors, entrepreneurs and government agencies face-to-face interaction for future growth activities and opportunities for small contractors to meet contracting officers and purchasing agents.

Information shared with conference attendees included sources of assistance, how to register for, and obtain contracting licenses, methods of financing, and securing contracts. Participants also were exposed to techniques on selling products and services to private industries, and federal, state, and local governments.

United States Small Business Administration representatives were also available to discuss SBA programs, guarantees, certification process, bonds and surety, GO Loans, and disaster loans. Likewise, the Louisiana State Contractor Licensing Department answered questions from existing contractors and individuals interested in becoming licensed.

Conference break-out sessions included Developing a Successful Sales Pitch, Getting Down to Business, Bonding and Finance Programs, Contracting with the State of Louisiana, Helping the Deputy Work for You, HUD Contracting Programs for Small Business, and How the Government Buys-Using the GSA Federal Supply Schedule.



**Chancellor Williams interacts with conference participant**



**Participants gather information from exhibitors**



**Participants in a break out session**

## 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Trail Ride and Horse Show in Baton Rouge

The Bayou State Trail Riders started their journey to Baton Rouge for the 41<sup>st</sup> SU Ag Center's Horse Show. Participants saddled up for the 100-mile journey from the Monroe Civic Center on April 3 to arrive in Baton Rouge for the annual show on April 8. Students at Winnsboro Elementary and Franklin Parish Head Start got an afternoon visit from the Bayou State Trail Riders on Monday, April 4.

This is the seventh year that the convoy of horses, buggies and covered wagons has passed through Winnsboro on its way to Southern University in Baton Rouge. Riders from other states joined the group at different stops along the way to participate in the seven-day trip.

The kick off for the Show took place at the M.A. Edmond Livestock Arena located on Hwy 61. This year's event was comprised of the western round-up, Best Dressed Cowboy/Cowgirl Contest, Mechanical Bull Contest and Zydeco Band (J. Paul Jr. and Zydeco Nubreeds) on Friday evening.



Riders arrive at the Arena

Saturday began with the Kids Rodeo on stick horses participating in barrel racing, barrel crawl and arena race. The Trail ride began at F. G. Clark Activity Center on the campus of Southern University. Over 900 horses and riders participated. The Gaited Horse Show was a huge success with over 100 gaited riders participating.

The night concluded with Leon Chavis and the Zydeco Flames musical entertainment. The event culminated with the Cowboy Church on Sunday.

Christie Monroe, assistant director, livestock show programs, coordinated the event.

## SU Ag Center Hosts State and National Rabbit Show

The Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center hosted the 39<sup>th</sup> annual State and National Rabbit Show at the M.A. Edmond Livestock Show Arena, April 2. Youth from across the state converged in Baton Rouge for this annual event that teaches leadership skills, character development, and entrepreneurship skills.

The SU Ag Center's Annual Rabbit Show is the largest in the state, with competitions in 16 sanctioned rabbit breeds, and youth from almost every parish in the State.

"We had more than 200 youth exhibitors to participate in this year's Show," said Christie Monroe, Livestock Show Director.



Rabbit show participant

Participating youth represent Future Farmers of America (FFA) chapters, 4-H Clubs, and other school-aged youth.

The SU Ag Center's Rabbit Show is sanctioned by the American Rabbit Breeders Association, and is co-sponsored by the Louisiana Rabbit Breeders Association.

## SU Ag Center Leadership Institute Graduate Receives Fellowship



**Jenga Mwendo, 2011 Ag Center Leadership Institute Graduate**

Jenga Mwendo was among the 14 new Fellows recently selected by the Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy (IATP) Food and Community to receive an award. The 2011-2013 class of Fellows is a mix of grassroots advocates, thought leaders, writers and entrepreneurs. Mwendo is a graduate of the SU Ag Center Small Farmer Leadership Institute class of 2011 and director of Backyard Gardeners Network. She is a community organizer based in New Orleans' Lower Ninth Ward who focuses on strengthening community through urban agriculture.

The award comes with a two-year fellowship that provides an annual stipend of \$35,000 in addition to communications support, trainings, and travel. The program supports leaders working to create a food system that strengthens the

health of communities, particularly children. For this class of Fellows, the selection committee focused on work that creates a just, equitable and healthy food system from its roots up. Over 560 individuals applied for fellowships.

The IATP Food and Society Fellows are innovative change makers who advocate for food and farming systems that are just and healthy for all people. Fellows use multi-media, policy advocacy and community engagement to promote fresh ideas on all aspects of the national food system—supporting culturally appropriate and environmentally sustainable farming, safe processing and distribution, fair labor standards, and healthy food accessible to all—especially our most vulnerable children.

“The Food and Community Fellows have always been change agents,” says Jim Harkness, President of IATP.” We invest in individuals that have a vision and plan for bettering the food system. These fellowships aren’t about incremental change; we want big visions that have the potential to provide our children with new opportunities for growing, processing, eating and thinking about food.”

The Food and Community Fellows

program is funded by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation in Battle Creek, MI and the Woodcock Foundation, based in New York, New York.

The Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy works locally and globally at the intersection of policy and practice to ensure fair and sustainable food, farm and trade systems. To read the full story, please visit <http://www.foodandsocietyfellows.org/>

Dr. Dawn Mellion-Patin directs the Small Farmer Agricultural Leadership Training Institute, a two-year course of study specifically designed to guide small, socially disadvantaged, limited resource and minority farmers through the transformative process of becoming successful agricultural entrepreneurs. You can follow the [SU Ag Center Small Farmer Leadership Institute](#) on Facebook.

## SET Defines Goals, Assets in North Capital Region

The Zachary Chamber's of Commerce director of economic development, Chip Mills, is hard at work with members of the Stronger Economies Together (SET) program; a program that encourages communities - primarily in rural areas - to work together as a regional team to develop and implement an economic development plan that makes sense for their region.

Louisiana is one of eight national pilot states with the regional economic development program SET, sponsored by USDA Rural Development and the Regional Rural Development Centers.

"We're really excited about the program and how it compliments other programs currently underway," said Mills, referring to the Leadership North program. "A huge thanks is owed to Scott Byrd and other SET members, Kenyetta Nelson-Smith and Justin Egbe, of Southern University Agricultural Research Center. They're doing a wonderful job organizing this program and helping build our team." SET has met five times and brings

together its members: Byrd, Smith, Egbe and Mills, plus Jimmy Bello, Pointe Coupee Parish Manager; Ken Dawson, a West Feliciana Parish Police Juror; Matthew Wiggins, a business counselor with LSU's Business and Technology Center; and Rachel Pierson of Baton Rouge Area Chamber.

The SET group, all leaders in their communities, identified and defined goals at the March 24 meeting, and explored ways to bring assets, people, organizations and businesses together to reach those goals of economic growth.

SET will meet several more times to explore the North Capital Region's assets and barriers that each community representative faces both inside and outside the region.

Read more: [ZacharyToday.com](http://ZacharyToday.com) - [SET defines goals assets in North Capital Region](#)



*SET members meet at the Zachary Chamber of Commerce, clockwise from bottom right, are: Chip Mills, director of economic development/Zachary; Scott Byrd, director of economic development/Pointe Coupee and West Feliciana; Jimmy Bello, parish administrator/Pointe Coupee; Matthew Wiggins, business counselor/LSU's Business and Technology Center; Rachel Pierson/BRAC; Kenyetta Nelson-Smith, assistant specialist of community and economic development/Southern University Agricultural Research & Extension Center; and Justin Egbe, extension and research assistant/Southern University Agricultural Research & Extension Center. Photo by Stacy Gill, editor, Zachary Today)*

## Faculty, Staff Activities

### E. B. R. Parish agent conducts pesticide application workshop

Terrence Marshall, County Agent, East Baton Rouge Parish, held a Private Pesticide Applicators Re-Certification Workshop on March 24 at the Greenwell Springs Library.

The workshop which was organized and presented by County Agent Terrence Marshall, featured instructions on the Worker Protection Standard for Private Pesticide Applicators, Spray Drift Management, and Recognizing Heat Stress.



Cross section of workshop

Thirty workshop participants were re-certified in the safe use of pesticides. An evaluation of the program revealed that 95% of the participants agreed that the workshop gave them new knowledge and skills to ensure environmental safety and health.

Officials from the Louisiana Department of Agriculture were on hand to complete the certification process.

### Agent in Avoyelles teaches lesson on veggies

Melody R. Coco, nutrition assistant, Southern University Ag Center in Avoyelles Parish discussed the importance of eating vegetables to the Pre-K classes in Avoyelles during a presentation entitled "Veggies, from the Earth to the Tummy."

This presentation helped the children understand how important it is for them to have a particular number of servings of vegetables each day and what particular vegetables should be in the diet every week: 3 cups of greens; 2 cups of orange; 3 cups of legumes; 3 cups of starchy vegetables; and 6½ cups of other vegetables.

She explained how much fun and how much money is saved when we plant our own vegetable seeds and watch them turn into plants that produce the vegetables we eat.

Melody and the children planted vegetable seeds at the children's schools. By the end of March, about 350 children had planted vegetables at their schools and had seedlings to take home.

Follow up conversations with the children's teachers confirmed that the seeds had sprouted and that the children were excited to take their seedlings home and plant them.



Students plant seeds the right way



**Faculty, Staff Activities contd.**

**SU Ag Center to produce video on Food Security Careers**

Hometown Productions was on the campus April 19 to film the second half of a student recruitment video on: Careers in Global Food Security and Plant Biosecurity. This video is to fulfill one of the objectives of a USDA 1890 National Institute for Food and Agriculture Capacity Building Grant. There were about 20 middle and high school students who visited the SU Ag Center lab and campus to participate in the filming of this video.

Various hands-on activities were presented on Plant Biosecurity such as: Sudden Oak Death, information on the Asian Long horned beetle and the emerald ash borer, plant pathology, GIS, and forest ecology.

The students participated in tree planting at the SU Lab School as well as GIS forest measurement on Scott's Bluff.



**Students plant tree at SU Lab School**



**Students engaged in hands-on demonstrations**



Dr. Daniel J. Collins, professor, Urban Forestry Program, Southern University Ag Center, project director, coordinated the event.

**Southern University Ag Center Celebrates Life**

The Southern University Ag Center launched its annual "American Cancer Society Relay For Life," April 8 in A. O. Williams Hall. The SU Ag Center stands tall to support the Communities of Color Network, a tobacco and health initiative, in collaboration with various organizations.

The SU Center also joined the Relay for Life event on Southern University campus on April 8. This activity offered everyone in the community an opportunity to participate in the fight against cancer.

Linda E. Brown, director, Communities of Color Network coordinated the Ag Center event.



**SU Ag Center employees**

## Faculty, Staff Activities contd.

### Poultry Production Class Travels to Pinegrove

Renita Marshall, assistant professor/DVM, and instructor assistants: Curtis Chisley and Authur Danzler accompanied the Poultry Production Class on a trip to Pinegrove, LA to visit Cal-Maine, Foods Inc. Poultry Facility. Cal-Maine Foods, Inc. operates farms, processing plants, hatcheries, feed mills, warehouses, offices and other properties located in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Utah. Cal-Maine is the largest

producer and marketer of shell eggs in the United States. In 2010, they sold approximately 805 million dozen shell eggs, which represented about 18% of domestic shell egg consumption in the United States.



Students at Cal-Maine

Student participants were Sahvon Brown, Tiffany Foster, William Head, Esha Johnson, Zippora Marcell, Jeremy Morrison, Lilian Profit, Delane Ross, Wilbert Thomas, Kimberly Tolbert, and Dwayla Wilson.

### Upcoming Events

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

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

**May 25**, seminar on Developing a Strong Winning Proposal at SU Ag Center, A.O. Williams Hall. For more information, contact: Gloria London at (225) 771-2242

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

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

**June 25**, Beef Cattle Field Day at Southern University Ag Center, A.O. Williams Hall, 8:00 am – 1:30 pm. For more information, contact Renita Marshall at (225)771-2242.

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

May, 2011

***The Chancellor's Report to the  
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***NAME OF CHANCELLOR: FREDDIE PITCHER, JR.***

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

***DATE: MAY, 2011***

***SIGNIFICANT EVENTS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS***

***Federal Judge Brian A. Jackson to Address 2011 SULC Commencement May 14***

*Judge Brian A. Jackson of the United States District Court, Middle District of Louisiana, will deliver the 2011 Commencement address for the Southern University Law Center at 10 a.m., Saturday, May, 14, in the F.G. Clark Activity Center on the Southern University Baton Rouge campus.*

*More than 140 graduates are expected to receive the Juris Doctor Degree this spring.*

*Judge Jackson, a 1985 SULC graduate and the first alumnus to be appointed to the federal bench, was nominated by President Barack Obama on October 29, 2009, to a seat vacated by Judge Frank J. Polozola.*

*A former shareholder in Liskow and Lewis in New Orleans, Judge Jackson joined the firm following a 16-year career in the U.S. Department of Justice. He has served as United States Attorney for the Middle District of Louisiana, First Assistant United States Attorney for that district, and Associate Deputy Attorney General in Washington, D.C.*

*Jackson earned a bachelor's degree from Xavier University of Louisiana. While a law student at SULC, he was the editor of the Southern University Law Review. He also earned an LL.M. from Georgetown University Law Center. He is the first graduate of the SULC to serve on the Committee on Bar Admissions for the Louisiana Supreme Court, where he wrote the bar examination on criminal law and evidence.*

2011 Alumni Round-Up Honorees Express Their Appreciation to SULC



*Chancellor Pitcher congratulates 2011 Hall of Fame Inductees: Pictured from left are the Chancellor, U.S. Attorney Stephanie A. Finley; Judge Toni Higginbotham, Judge Wayne Salvant, a 2009 Inductee, standing in for this year's Inductee Judge Fred Tinsley; and Judge J. Robin Free.*

*The 2011 Hall of Fame inductees expressed their appreciation to SULC, during the April 8 banquet held in their honor in conjunction with the Annual Alumni Round-Up.*

*U.S. Attorney Stephanie A. Finley, 91, of the Western District of Louisiana, recalled the experiences that let her know that the law center family cared about her success. Judge Robin Free, 89, of the 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial Court, said because of SULC's commitment to access and opportunity, he was accepted into law school and given all that he needed to succeed in the legal profession.*

*Judge Toni Higginbotham, '85, of the Louisiana First Circuit Court of Appeal, acknowledged the nurturing environment that was especially helpful to a non-traditional student like she was.*

*Judge Fred L. Tinsley, Jr., '72, of the 195<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court, Dallas, County, Texas, was unable to attend the Hall of Fame banquet. A 2009 inductee Judge Wayne Salvant, '74, expressed Tinsley's appreciation for law faculty that challenged and encouraged him.*

### Distinguished Alumni Recognized



*2011 SULC Distinguished Alumni Honored at the Round-Up Welcome Reception-From left: Todd Manuel, Taylor, Porter, Brooks, and Phillips, Baton Rouge; State Senator Jody Amedee, Gauthier and Amedee, Gonzales, Louisiana; Chauntis Jenkins, Porteous, Hainkel & Johnson of New Orleans; Andre Gauthier, Gauthier and Amedee, Gonzales; and Chancellor Pitcher.*

### Law Center Unveils More Portraits

*The Southern University Law Center formally instated its Alumni Judicial Wall of Fame last month. First-time portrait undrapings for this tribute featured: Judge Judi Abrusley, '96, Oakdale City Court; Judge Alvin Batiste, '81, Louisiana 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court; Judge Herbert Cade, '76, Orleans Parish Civil District Court; Judge Curtis L. Calloway (retired), '65, Louisiana 19<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court; Judge John Robin Free, '89, Louisiana 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court; Judge Louis Moore, Jr., '72, U.S. Magistrate, Eastern District of Louisiana; Judge Freddie Pitcher, Jr. (retired), '73, First Circuit Court of Appeal; and Judge Wayne Salvant, '74, Criminal District Court, Tarrant County, Texas.*



*Judicial Wall of Fame Participants From top left: Judge Judi Abrusely, Oakdale City Court; Judge Alvin Batiste, Louisiana 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court; Louise Calloway, wife of Judge Curtis L. Calloway (retired), Louisiana 19<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court; Judge John Robin Free, Louisiana 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court; Judge Louis Moore, Jr., U.S. Magistrate, Eastern District of Louisiana; Judge Freddie Pitcher, Jr. (retired), First Circuit Court of Appeal; and Judge Wayne Salvant, Criminal District Court, Tarrant County. Not pictured is Judge Herbert Cade, Orleans Parish Civil District Court.*

## SULC Marshall-Brennan Competitors Reach Semi-Final Round in National Moot Court Competition

*The six high school student competitors representing the SULC Marshall-Brennan Constitutional Literacy Project reached the semi final round at the Third Annual National Marshall-Brennan High School Moot Court Competition, April 1-3, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.*

*“This is the first time that all participants from one chapter reached the semi-finals,” said Vice Chancellor Russell Jones, director of the SULC Marshall-Brennan program.*

*Participants were Istrouma High School students, Timothy Johnson, Jeffrey Tobias, and Lacy Uhiara; and Scotlandville High School students, Dillon Anderson, Jr., Tierra Harrison, and Camera Whicker.*

*They presented arguments in the case Andrews v. Belding, involving a high school female student Maria Andrews, who wore a tuxedo to school for four days to protest the omission of her friend’s photograph from the school’s year book because the friend chose to take the picture in a tuxedo.*

*Andrews was suspended for five days and prohibited from running for President in the school’s election.*

*The case focused on the issues of symbolic speech and whether the wearing of the tuxedo by Andrews was a substantial or material disruption of the school’s educational process.*

*The SULC Chapter of the Marshall-Brennan Constitutional Literacy Project was founded in 2009 and Vice Chancellor Jones is the founding director.*

## ALUMNI NEWS

***Ronald Glen Beard, ’88**, has been appointed magistrate for Forest Hill, Louisiana, and prosecutor for Woodworth, Louisiana. Beard is a partner in the firm of Beard and Beard, attorneys in Alexandria, Louisiana.*

***Kevin Hayes, ’91**, a partner in the Baton Rouge office of Adams and Reese Law Firm, has been re-elected to the Louisiana State bar Association Board of Governors for 2011-2012. Hayes serves the LSBA as House of Delegates Liaison to the Board of Governors, member of the Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education. He is also President of the Association of Louisiana Lobbyists. Hayes is a former president of the Baton Rouge Bar Association in 2008 after serving as president-elect, treasurer, and secretary and serving five terms on its Board of Directors. He received the 2001 Outstanding Young Lawyer of Louisiana Award from the Louisiana State Bar Association, and also the 2002 Judge Joseph Keogh Memorial Award from the Baton Rouge Bar Association.*

***Arlayn Ladson-Castle, ’89**, recently accepted a position as Chief Compliance Officer and Corporate Director of Contracts at Pacific Clinics, in Arcadia, California, a behavioral healthcare organization serving residents of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and Ventura Counties. In this position, Ladson-Castle is responsible for implementing an ongoing and effective compliance program pursuant to the Office of Inspector General and Department of Justice guidelines; ensuring company’s compliance with relevant laws and regulations and the agency’s Standards of*



*Conduct, providing counsel to the contracts department as well as general counsel to the organization. She was formerly an entertainment attorney for 10 years in Los Angeles, California. She then was an attorney at Amgen, a biotech company where she lead a team in regulatory affairs and contract and budget negotiations. After leaving Amgen, Ladson-Castle served as senior director of the University of Southern California (USC) Clinical Trials Management and provided management and leadership over four divisions (contracts, budgets, accounting, and project management).*

*Tiffany L. Samuel, '01, the author of Changing Tempos, held a book discussion in the SU John B. Cade Library on April 19. The book discussion also featured a Jazz quartet and a Q&A session in the Student Center on the first floor of the library.*

*Katreshia Louis Verret, '04, was appointed Associate Director of Athletics for Compliance at North Carolina A&T State University in Greensboro. Verrett, a former SBA president, was the compliance coordinator for the athletics department at the Georgia Institute of Technology.*

### **More Than 140 Expected to Receive Juris Doctor Degree at 2011 SULC Commencement, May 14**

*Chancellor Freddie Pitcher, Jr. recently announced that one hundred and forty-seven graduates are expected to be awarded the Juris Doctor Degree from the Southern University Law Center during the 2011 Commencement, 10 a.m. Saturday, May 14, in the F.G. Clark Activity Center on the Southern University Baton Rouge campus. The graduates are:*

Miriam Olufunmilayo Akinfosile, San Diego, California Carlton J. Allen, Zachary, Louisiana\*\*  
Nelson E. Allen, Purvis, Mississippi Marlon Shepard Anderson, St. Louis, Missouri Ronetta  
Linzer Andrus, Denham Springs, Louisiana Taylor Lee Anthony, Metairie, Louisiana Jessica  
Arce-Theall, Lafayette, Louisiana\* Virginia Lee Baker, Kenner, Louisiana Sedric H. Banks,  
Richmond, Virginia Mari Tara Bartholomew, New Orleans, Louisiana Jasmine Denise Baskerville,  
Memphis, Tennessee Austin Hardy Benton, Baton Rouge, Louisiana Yodit Ghebream Berhane,  
Gretna, Louisiana Mary-Shante` Jacquin Berrios, Hayward, California Amanda Layne Besselman,  
St. Amant, Louisiana Patricia A. Blankenbaker, Baton Rouge, Louisiana Qisoundra Dawn Bullock-  
Flowers, St. Rose, Louisiana Natalie Rose Bordelon, Baton Rouge, Louisiana Ashley Dawnise  
Boutte, Lake Charles, Louisiana Cassandra M. Boyd, New Iberia, Louisiana\* April Winston  
Brumfield, Baton Rouge, Louisiana Roy Keith Burns, III, Bush, Louisiana Sonja Lucienne  
Cajuste, Miramar, Florida Lauren Alaina Camel, Lafayette, Louisiana Sherry Capps Cannon,  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana Bernadette Uchenna Chimah, Washington, DC Teresa Davis Cop, Zachary,  
Louisiana Margaret Marie Corley, Baton Rouge, Louisiana Me`Aeyko Michelle Daniel,  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Catherine A. Davidson, Baton Rouge, Louisiana Derek W. Dees, Baton  
Rouge, Louisiana Marcus Oran DeLarge, Baton Rouge, Louisiana Robert Lee Delmore, Jr.,  
Zachary, Louisiana Megan Paige Demouy, Gonzales, Louisiana Sharenjit K. Dhillon, Toronto,  
Ontario Canada Daniel James Druilhet, Baton Rouge, Louisiana Jeff David Easley, Pineville,  
Louisiana Sabrina Marie Efron, Marrero, Louisiana\* Jamita Quantaye Elmore, Vicksburg,  
Mississippi Robert Joseph Ferrier, Jr., New Orleans, Louisiana Gabriel Latrica Floyd, Baton  
Rouge, Louisiana Leo Joseph Flynn, III, Alexandria, Louisiana Colt Justin Fore, Denham  
Springs, Louisiana Sannestine Fortin, Immokalee, Florida Krystin Mariell Frazier, Grambling,  
Louisiana Marilyn French, Baton Rouge, Louisiana\* Christopher Michael Gaffney, Kenner,  
Louisiana Peggy Inez Garris, New Iberia, Louisiana Jennifer Elise Gauthreaux, Brusly,  
Louisiana Wren`nel Marie Gibson, Jeanerette, Louisiana Nicholas H. Giles, Houston, Texas\*  
Eugene G. Gouaux, III, Lockport, Louisiana LaKeisha Karshay Gray, Bernice, Louisiana Amber  
Nicole Gremillion, Zachary, Louisiana Joshua Slavone Guillory, Lafayette, Louisiana Chad

Raul Guillot, Marksville, Louisiana Sena`e Deneal Hall, Shreveport, Louisiana Keisha Monique Hardley, Stafford, Virginia Kenneth Paul Hebert, Baton Rouge, Louisiana Chauncey D. Henry, Copiague, New York LaShaunte S. Henry, Baton Rouge, Louisiana\*\* Lyria Kashina Hicks, New Orleans, Louisiana Veronica Mechelle Hill, Bastrop, Louisiana Timothy Holden, Mansfield, Louisiana Trenisha Shiree Jackson, Shreveport, Louisiana Taquincia Monique Jairles, Vacherie, Louisiana Fatmatu Haja Jalloh, Sterling, Virginia Benita Bell Jenkins, Ruth, Mississippi Heather Nicole Johnson, Baton Rouge, Louisiana Jacob Luke Johnson, Lake Charles, Louisiana Jessica Elaine Johnson, Baton Rouge, Louisiana Julian Michael Johnson, Chicago, Illinois Da`Lacie S. Jolivette, Carencro, Louisiana\*\* Tonya De`Shea Jones, Round Rock, Texas Ashley D. Jyles, Baton Rouge, Louisiana Cristyl Ladawn Kimbrough, Stone Mountain, Georgia Harry Landry III, Houston, Texas Ross Michael LeBlanc, Baton Rouge, Louisiana Christina M. P. Legros, Brooklyn, New York Cynthia Avis Manuel, Opelousas, Louisiana Eugene T. Martin, Minden, Louisiana\* Leslie Rene` Martin, Stone Mountain, Georgia Fayenisha H. Matthews, New Orleans, Louisiana\* Gray Hayes McCraw, III, Shreveport, Louisiana Ashley Nicole McGowan, Utica, Mississippi Chetamour L`argent McKenzie, Forth Worth, Texas Saxson Jubrill McKnight, Charlotte, North Carolina\* Shaun Raphael Mena, New Orleans, Louisiana Ashley Elizabeth Menou, Baton Rouge, Louisiana Kenneth M. Miller, Baton Rouge, Louisiana Justin Brandt Mills, Baton Rouge, Louisiana Andrew Ballard Mims, Baton Rouge, Louisiana Jennifer Ashley Mitchell, Shreveport, Louisiana Brittney Niccole Montgomery, Natchitoches, Louisiana Timothy B. Moore, New Orleans, Louisiana

John Andrew Murrell, Baton Rouge, Louisiana Jennie H. Newell, Amite, Louisiana\* Latisha Lynette Nixon-Jones, Baton Rouge, Louisiana Christie P. Noel, Opelousas, Louisiana Carolyn Justine O`Neal, Baton Rouge, Louisiana Amani Chevon Perkins, Folsom, Louisiana Danny Charles Picou, Jr., Baton Rouge, Louisiana Joseph Pierre, Lauderhill, Florida Brian Lamar Ponder, Valdosta, Georgia James Philip Prescott, Jr., Baker, Louisiana Shayla Rachelle Price, Thibodaux, Louisiana Jonathan O. Reed, Stockbridge, Georgia Amber Lei-Lani Reliford, Rancho Cucamonga, California Ebonee Joy Rhodes, Shreveport, Louisiana Kirk Patrick Robertson, Jr., Baker, Louisiana Candice Lynn Rodgers, Prairieville, Louisiana Marcus Roots, Baton Rouge, Louisiana Michael Joseph Russo, Jr., Baton Rouge, Louisiana Sahara Mawusi Saint-Hubert, Bradenton, Florida Katrina A. Samuels, Las Vegas, Nevada Deyonna De`Jurnae Scott, Mansfield, Texas Lester K. Seely, Atlanta, Georgia Terrika Vanescia Shaw, Birmingham, Alabama\* Nina D. Shephard, Houston, Texas Felisha Anne Sheppard, Jackson, Mississippi Kelli Lea Shuttleworth, Baton Rouge, Louisiana Leslie Mistic Smith, Baton Rouge, Louisiana Mekisha F. Smith, Mansfield, Texas Sarah Marie Smith, Monroe, Louisiana Stacey Anne Smith, Shreveport, Louisiana Taryn Nichon Smith, DeSoto, Texas Yolanda Cheree Smith, Lombard, Illinois Daniel Wayne Sparks, Jennings, Louisiana Kelleigh Adonis Spencer, Gretna, Louisiana LaDonna Marie Spencer, Jackson, Mississippi April Danielle Spigner, Dallas, Texas Dewanna Latasha Stewart, New Orleans, Louisiana Samir Suri, Mississauga, Ontario (Canada) Paul James Tanner, Baton Rouge, Louisiana Engle L. Thompson, Baltimore, Maryland Charles E. Toney, Sr., Kenner, Louisiana Lam Minh Tran, Scott, Louisiana Melody Sediongde Udoinyion, Atlanta, Georgia\* Rolando Roberto Urbina, Baton Rouge, Louisiana Charlotte Washington, Marrero, Louisiana Cleophus R. Washington, Baton Rouge, Louisiana Charles Roland Weeks, Calvin, Louisiana Andre D. Welbon, Baton Rouge, Louisiana Matthew Thomas Welborn, Baton Rouge, Louisiana Ophelia Renee` Wells, McComb, Mississippi Jason Ashton Wesley, Baton Rouge, Louisiana Christalcherie Whittington-Vaughn, Dellwood, Missouri April Nicole Williams, Memphis, Tennessee Renita Ward Williams, Baker, Louisiana Sirena Tara`Jee Wilson, Grambling, Louisiana

\* Summer 2011 Graduates

\*\* December 2010 Graduates

Special Problems

*None*

Significant Administrative or Policy Changes

*None*