

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

(Following the Facilities and Property Committee)

Friday, May 25, 2012

**Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room
2nd 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 Board of Supervisors' regular meeting of April 27, 2012
 - B. Committee Reports and Recommendations
 - 1.) Academic Affairs Committee (May 14 and May 25, 2012 Meetings)
 - 2.) Bayou Classic Committee (May 18, 2012 Meeting)
 - 3.) Facilities and Property Committee
 - 4.) Finance and Audit Committee
 - C. Resolutions
 - D. Equipment Loan Policy for the Board of Supervisors
 - E. Board Resolution requesting assistance from the State Attorney General's Office
 - F. Appointment of Chief Information Officer, SUBR
7. Informational Items
 - A. System and Campuses' Monthly Updates
8. Other Business
9. Adjournment

Southern University Board of Supervisors
Friday, April 27, 2012
Board's of Supervisors' Meeting Room
2nd Floor, J.S. Clark Administration Building
Southern University and A&M College
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Minutes

The meeting of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by the Chairman, Mr. Darren G. Mire. The invocation was given by Rev. Gant.

PRESENT

Mr. Darren G. Mire, Chairman
Mr. Patrick W. Bell
Atty. Murphy F. Bell, Jr.
Mr. Calvin W. Braxton
Atty. Bridget A. Dinvaut
Atty. Walter C. Dumas
Atty. Warren A. Forstall
Rev. Joe R. Gant, Jr.
Mr. Myron K. Lawson
Mrs. Ann A. Smith
Mr. Demetrius Sumner

ABSENT

Atty. Tony M. Clayton
Mr. Willie E. Hendricks
Dr. Eamon M. Kelly
Atty. Patrick D. Magee
Rev. Samuel C. Tolbert, Jr.

UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING

System President Ronald Mason, Jr.
Evola Bates, Chief of Staff
System Vice Presidents Kevin Appleton and Tony Moore
Chancellors Victor Ukpolo (SUNO), Freddie Pitcher (SULC), Ray Belton (SUSLA),
Leodrey Williams (SUAREC), Mrs. Margaret Ambrose, representing Chancellor James Llorens (SUBR)

BOARD COUNSEL

Attys. Winston DeCuir, Sr. and Tracie Woods

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

Atty. Monique Edwards, 1986 SULC graduate, cited the need for the University to harness the necessary financial support from its graduates and friends, rather than relying solely on the State Legislature.

Dr. Joseph Bouie, SUNO Faculty Senate President inquired about a matter included in Item 6B(2).

AGENDA ITEM 5: SPECIAL RECOGNITION

The Board recognized the following individuals and/or groups on their recent achievement.

- Coach Jeff Conyers and the SUBR Women Tennis Team – winner of the 2012 SWAC Championship title
- Coach Roman Banks -- selected by the Louisiana Sports Writers' Association as the Louisiana Men's Basketball Coach of the Year
- The Southern University Alumni Association, selected as the Best HBCU Alumni Association of the Year by the Center for HBCU Media Advocacy
- The SUBR Marching Band -- selected as the Best HBCU Marching Band of the Year by the Center for HBCU Media Advocacy

AGENDA ITEM 6: ACTION ITEMS

A. MINUTES OF THE MARCH 30, 2012 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the minutes of the March 30, 2012 regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors be and they are hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

B. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

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

Motion carried unanimously.

1.) ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee, that the tenure and/or promotion recommendations for Faculty named below be and they are hereby approved.

SUNO

TENURE ONLY

1. Dr. Ibrahim Ekaidi
2. Dr. Joseph Olubadewo
3. Dr. Deborah Darby
4. Mr. Edgar Blanchard
5. Mr. Harry Russell

PROMOTION AND TENURE

Assistant to Associate Professor

1. Dr. Lora Helvie-Mason
2. Dr. Tchavdar Marinov
3. Dr. Illya Tietzel
4. Dr. Yu Jiang
5. Dr. Obyung Kwun
6. Dr. Glenda Allen-Jones

Associate to Full Professor

1. Dr. Romanus Ejiaga (Tenured)
2. Dr. Pamela Wanga (with Tenure)

SULC

TENURE AND PROMOTION

1. Professor Mark A. Thurman

Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee, that Candidates for Degrees at the Spring 2012 Commencement Exercises on the SUBR, SULC, SUNO and SUSLA Campuses be and they are hereby approved.

2.) FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

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

3.) FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Finance and Audit Committee, that the revised Student Self-assessed Fees at SUBR be and they are hereby approved.

Human Jukebox	\$ 5.00
SGA	\$15.00
Lyceum	\$ 5.00
Men & Women Federation	\$ 2.00
Royal Court	\$ 5.00
Student Life Improvement	\$ 4.00
Student Programs	\$ 3.50
Student Media	\$25.00
Student Organization Support	\$10.00
Intramural Sports	\$ 2.50
Special Events	\$50.00

C. RESOLUTIONS

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

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

Motion carried unanimously.

- The Honorable Israel "Bo" Curtis
- Mr. Joseph T. DeCuir
- Mr. Ulysses Reed, Sr.
- Ms. Terri Anissa Fontaine

AGENDA ITEM 7: INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. Information Technology Governance

This report was provided as a monthly update on efforts to implement the partial centralization of the information technology component at the System level. A written copy of the report can be found on the Board's website.

B. Contracts with Minority Businesses

After a review of this report, the Administration was strongly urged to increase the number of existing contracts between Southern University and Minority Businesses.

C. System and Campus Reports

President Mason presented the System's Plan -- "Renaissance Southern University 2015" -- which highlighted assumptions which are built into proposed Fiscal Year 2012-13; Fiscal Year 2013-2014; and Fiscal Year 2014-15 budgets. The plan also reflected General Fund Revenue and Expenditure projections for SUBR for FYs 2012-13 through 2014-15.

The President also briefed the Board on the submission of the year two report for Granting Resources and Autonomies for Diploma Act (GRAD ACT Act). He reported the preliminary scores for each of the campuses, which were within the GREEN ranking, which is an indicator that each campus will continue without limitation in the program. The final scores approved by the Board of Regents will be reported at a later meeting.

A monthly status report for each campus was given, details are online in the Board's packet.

D. 2012 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Legislative Committee Chair Patrick W. Bell provided an update on 2012 legislation affecting Southern University. A copy of his report was distributed to the Board members and can be viewed online at the Board's website.

AGENDA ITEM 8: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 9: ADJOURNMENT

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

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Academic Affairs Committee

1:00 p.m.

Friday, April 27, 2012

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

Minutes

The meeting of the Academic Affairs Committee of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by the Vice-Chair, Mrs. Ann A. Smith. The invocation was given by Mr. Montrell McCaleb.

Present

Mrs. Ann A. Smith – Vice Chairman
Mr. Calvin W. Braxton, Sr.
Rev. Joe R. Gant, Jr.
Mr. Darren G. Mire, Ex Officio

Absent

Dr. Eamon M. Kelly – Chairman
Atty. Tony M. Clayton
Mr. Willie E. Hendricks
Rev. Samuel C. Tolbert, Jr.

Appointed to Effect a Quorum

Mr. Patrick W. Bell
Atty. Bridget A. Dinvaut
Atty. Warren A. Forstall

University Personnel Attending

System President Ronald Mason, Jr.
Evola Bates, Chief of Staff
System Vice Presidents Kevin Appleton and Tony Moore
Chancellors Victor Ukpolo (SUNO), Freddie Pitcher (SULC), Leodrey Williams (SUAREC);
Ray Belton; Mrs. Margaret Ambrose, representing Chancellor James Llorens (SUBR)

Board Counsel

Attys. Winston DeCuir, Sr., and Tracie Woods

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEMS

A. FACULTY TENURE AND PROMOTION

- 1.) SUNO
- 2.) SULC

On motion of Atty. Forstall, seconded by Mr. Bell, the Committee recommends to the Board approval of tenure and/or promotion recommendations for Faculty named below.

Motion carried unanimously.

SUNO

TENURE ONLY

1. Dr. Ibrahim Ekaidi
2. Dr. Joseph Olubadewo
3. Dr. Deborah Darby
4. Mr. Edgar Blanchard
5. Mr. Harry Russell

PROMOTION AND TENURE

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1. Dr. Lora Helvie-Mason
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6. Dr. Glenda Allen-Jones

Associate to Full Professor

1. Dr. Romanus Ejiaga (Tenured)
2. Dr. Pamela Wanga (with Tenure)

SULC

TENURE AND PROMOTION

1. Professor Mark A. Thurman

B. CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES, SPRING 2012 COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

On motion of Mr. Bell, seconded by Rev. Gant, the Committee recommends Board approval of Candidates for Degrees at the Spring 2012 Spring Commencement Exercises at SUBR, SUNO, SUSLA, and SULC.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 6: INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. PLANS FOR INCREASING STUDENT RETENTION AND GRADUATION RATES

With the exception of SUBR, each of the Campuses reported on initiatives undertaken to date to increase their Student Retention and Graduation Rates. The measures instituted by the Campuses are highlighted below:

- Conducting surveys to determine the reason(s) students withdraw; and implementing measures, where possible, to address those concerns.
- Incorporating future intervention measures
 - ✓ Counseling
 - ✓ Improving Student Tracking
 - ✓ Using available community resources to aid students
- Developing pilot programs for use in career planning
- Incorporating social media to keep student abreast of University information

-Seeking grant support, where available, to assist students with financial need.

SUNO announced receipt of a \$50,000 grant from Wal-Mart to support the University's retention efforts during the 2011-2012 academic year.

SUSLA

The University incorporates an "Early Alert Referral System" that targets at-risk students.

SULC

- A Pre-Law Clinic, held prior to the beginning of the Fall Semester for entering students, has proven to be an effective tool in enhancing their successful matriculation at the Law Center.

B. UPDATE ON STUDENT RECRUITMENT

SUBR provided an update on activities it has incorporated in order to increase student enrollment for Fall 2012:

- ✓ College Night on the Bluff
- ✓ Student Visits to the Campus and the holding of Campus Tours
- ✓ Recruitment effort with Houston Alumni Chapter
- ✓ Faith based recruitment with churches in major cities across the state
- ✓ The Chancellor's Call for assistance to Alumni and friends of SUBR
- ✓ A "Back on Top" Recruitment Campaign in coordination with undergraduate and graduate students, staff and faculty at the University.

SUNO provided a schedule of recruitment activities held in late April and early May at high schools in Amite, New Orleans, and Marrero.

AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS

The Committee recognized and extended commendations to the staffs and members of the SUNO's Honda All Stars Team that ranked number 5 in the nation following the recent competition; and, the Men's Basketball Team at Southern University – New Orleans for winning the Gulf Coast Championship and NAIA Championship titles.

AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Atty. Forstall, seconded by Rev. Gant, the meeting was adjourned.

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FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE
Friday, April 27, 2012
Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room
2nd Floor, J.S. Clark Administration Building
Southern University and A&M College
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Minutes

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

PRESENT

Mr. Myron K. Lawson, Chairman
Atty. Warren A. Forstall, Vice Chairman
Atty. Murphy F. Bell, Jr.
Atty. Bridget A. Dinvaut
Atty. Walter C. Dumas
Mr. Demetrius Sumner
Mr. Darren G. Mire, Ex Officio

ABSENT

Mr. Willie E. Hendricks
Dr. Eamon M. Kelly

UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL

System President Ronald Mason, Jr.
Evola Bates, Chief of Staff
System Vice Presidents Kevin Appleton and Tony Moore
Chancellors Victor Ukpolo (SUNO), Freddie Pitcher, (SULC), Ray Belton (SUSLA),
Leodrey Williams, SUAREC and Mrs. Margaret Ambrose, representing Chancellor James Llorens (SUBR)

BOARD COUNSEL

Attys. Winston DeCuir, Sr. and Tracie Woods

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

Newly elected SGA President Willie McCorkle at SUBR spoke in support of the Item 5A.

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEMS

A. RECOMMENDATION FOR STUDENT SELF-ASSESSED FEES, SUBR

On motion of Atty. Forstall, seconded by Atty. Dinvaot, the Committee recommends to the Board approval of revised Student Self-Assessed Fees as follows:

Human Jukebox	\$ 5.00
SGA	\$15.00
Lyceum	\$ 5.00
Men & Women Federation	\$ 2.00
Royal Court	\$ 5.00
Student Life Improvement	\$ 4.00
Student Programs	\$ 3.50
Student Media	\$25.00
Student Organization Support	\$10.00
Intramural Sports	\$ 2.50
Special Events	\$50.00

Additional details are provided in the online support document.

AGENDA ITEM 6: INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORT, AS OF MARCH 31, 2012 -- SU SYSTEM ENTITIES

Vice President Kevin Appleton provided FY 2011-12 General Fund Budget projections for the Southern University System entities, as of March 31, 2012.

B. Out-of-State Fee Waivers, SUBR

No discussion

AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS

The presence of newly-elected student leaders from SUNO and SUBR were recognized by the Committee.

AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT

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

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FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Friday, April 27, 2012

Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room

Southern University and A&M College

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Minutes

The meeting of the Facilities and Property Committee of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by the Chairman, Atty. Murphy F. Bell, Jr.

PRESENT

Atty. Murphy F. Bell, Jr., Chairman

Atty. Walter C. Dumas

Atty. Warren A. Forstall

Rev. Joe R. Gant, Jr.

Mr. Myron K. Lawson

Mrs. Ann A Smith

Mr. Darren G. Mire, Ex Officio

ABSENT

Mr. Willie E. Hendricks

Rev. Samuel C. Tolbert

UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL

System President Ronald Mason, Jr.

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Leodrey Williams (SUAREC) and Mrs. Margaret Ambrose, representing Chancellor James Llorens(SUBR)

BOARD COUNSEL

Attys. Winston DeCuir, Sr. and Tracie Woods

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

On motion of Rev. Gant, 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. EXECUTIVE PROJECT SUMMARY AND PROJECTS UPDATE

The status report provided by Mr. Endas Vincent on Campus Projects, Systemwide, highlighted those projects under construction, those in the planning and design phase, and those which have been completed.

Mr. Sumner registered concerns regarding the procedures used to prioritize the areas where LED lighting is being installed on the SUBR Campus. He noted that installation of lighting in the student residential areas should have been given a high priority.

B. EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PLAN, SUNO

The report was received for information only.

Chancellor Ukpolo advised the Committee that SUNO has been allotted \$7 million to use for replacing trailers on its Lake Campus.

AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

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

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Academic Affairs Committee

9:00 a.m.

Monday, May 14, 2012

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

Minutes

The meeting of the Academic Affairs Committee of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by the Vice Chair, Mrs. Ann A. Smith. The innovation was given by Mr. Montrell McCaleb.

Present

Mrs. Ann A. Smith, Vice-Chair
Atty. Patrick D. Magee
Mr. Darren G. Mire, Ex Officio

Absent

Dr. Eamon M. Kelly, Chair
Mr. Calvin W. Braxton, Sr.
Atty. Tony M. Clayton
Rev. Joe R. Gant, Jr.
Mr. Willie E. Hendricks
Rev. Samuel C. Tolbert, Jr.

Board Members Appointed to effect a Quorum

Mr. Patrick W. Bell
Atty. Warren Forstall
Mr. Demetrius Sumner

University Personnel Attending

System President Ronald Mason, Jr.
Evola Bates, Chief of Staff
Chancellors Victor Ukpolo (SUNO) and Chancellor James Llorens (SUBR)
Dean Janet Rami, Interim Provost, SUBR

Board Counsel

Attys. Winston DeCuir, Jr. and Tracie Woods

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

Comments were tendered by Dr. Thomas Miller, SUBR Faculty Senate Vice President and Dr. Sudhir Trivedi, SUBR Faculty Senate President. Both opposed the Administration's actions in recommending faculty terminations due to the declaration of financial exigency. They cited as their reasons the Administration's failure to provide requested information on the criteria used to reach decisions on faculty selected for termination; and, the absence of a Committee of the faculty member's peers to assist in arriving at their recommendations.

AGENDA ITEM 5: APPEALS

Vice Chair Ann Smith announced the parameters that would govern the presentation of each appeal.

Atty. Tracie Woods provided an overview of each appeal. Each appellant was then allowed 15 minutes to present his case. The Administration's response and a 15-minute question-and-answer session followed.

Full details of each of the proceedings are on tape in the Board's office. The decision rendered by the Committee on each appeal appears below:

Item 5A-1: Retrenchment Appeal of Dr. John Delgado, SUBR

Dr. Delgado requested that to have his appeal heard in an open session. Dr. Delgado was assisted in presenting his appeal by his wife, Deborah Delgado.

At the conclusion of the presentations, the Committee took the following action:

On motion of Atty. Forstall, seconded by Atty. Magee, the Committee recommends to the Board to accept the President's recommendation and to deny Dr. John Delgado's appeal.

Motion carried unanimously.

Item 5B-2: Retrenchment Appeal of Dr. Lionel Lyles, SUBR

The Committee reviewed a letter from Dr. Lionel Lyles which explained his absence from the meeting and further supported his appeal. Dr. Lyles' letter will be made a part of the Board's record, per the Committee's request.

On motion of Atty. Forstall, seconded by Atty. Magee, the Committee recommends to the Board to accept the President's recommendation and deny Dr. Lionel Lyles' appeal.

Motion carried unanimously.

Item 5A-3: Retrenchment Appeal of Dr. Mylon Winn, SUBR

Dr. Mylon Winn requested to have his appeal heard in an executive session. Dr. Winn was assisted in presenting his appeal by his attorney, Mr. Donald Dobbins.

On motion of Atty. Forstall, seconded by Atty. Magee, the Committee convened into an executive session to hear Dr. Mylon Winn's appeal.

Motion carried unanimously. Roll call vote: 6 yeas: Smith, Magee, Mire, P. Bell, Forstall, and Sumner
0 nays; 0 abstentions

-EXECUTIVE SESSION-

-OPEN SESSION-

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

Motion carried unanimously. Roll call vote: 6 yeas: Smith, Magee, Mire, P. Bell, Forstall and Sumner

On motion of Atty. Magee, seconded by Atty. Forstall, the Committee recommends to the Board to accept the President's recommendation and to deny Dr. Mylon Winn's appeal.

Motion carried unanimously.

Item 5B-1: SUNO – Promotion Appeal of Dr. James Pittman, SUNO

Dr. James Pittman requested to have his appeal heard in open session. His appeal was presented, with the assistance of his attorney, Ron Wilson.

Dr. Pittman requested that the remainder of the discussion surrounding his appeal be held in an executive session.

Motion carried unanimously. Roll call vote: 5 yeas: Smith, Magee, P. Bell, Forstall, and Mire; 0 nays;
0 abstention; 1 out: Sumners

-EXECUTIVE SESSION-

-OPEN SESSION-

On motion of Atty. Magee, seconded by Mr. Bell, the Committee returned to open session.

Motion carried unanimously. Roll call vote: 5 yeas: Smith, Magee, Mire, P. Bell, and Forstall;
0 nays; 0 abstentions; 1 out: Sumner

Dr. Pittman received permission to formally withdraw his appeal at this time.

Item 5B-2. Promotion Appeal of Dr. John Penny, SUNO

Dr. John Penny requested the Committee to hear his appeal in open session.

At the conclusion of the presentations and subsequent dialogue, the Committee took the following action:

On motion of Atty. Magee, seconded by Mr. Bell, the Committee recommends to the Board to deny Dr. John Penny's appeal.

Motion carried. Roll call vote: 4 yeas – Smith, Magee, Bell, and Mire; 1 nay: Forstall, 1 abstention:
Sumner

Item 5C: GRIEVANCE BY DR. ASHRAF ESMail, SUNO

Dr. Ashraf Esmail requested that the Committee to hear his appeal in open session. Dr. Esmail was assisted by his Attorney, Tracie Washington, in presenting his appeal.

Following the presentations and subsequent dialogue, a five-minute recess was called by the Chair.

-RECESS -

-RECONVENTION-

A roll call established the presence of a quorum. 6 present: Smith, Magee, Mire, Bell, Forstall,
and Sumner

On motion of Atty. Magee, seconded by Mr. Bell, the Committee deferred action of the appeal of Dr. Ashraf Esmail to allow the System President time to further examine the matter.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Bell reminded Committee of the May 15 deadline for filing their personal disclosure statements. Failure to comply will result in a \$50.00 per day penalty until their statements are received by the Ethics Commission.

AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

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

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Bayou Classic Committee

2:00 p.m.

Friday, May 18, 2012

Board's of Supervisor' Meeting Room
2nd Floor, J.S. Clark Administration Building
Southern University and A&M College
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Minutes

The meeting of the Bayou Classic Committee of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by the Chairman, Mr. Myron K. Lawson. The invocation was given by Mr. Montrell McCaleb.

PRESENT

Mr. Myron K. Lawson, Chairman
Mr. Patrick W. Bell, Vice Chairman
Atty. Murphy F. Bell, Jr.
Mr. Calvin W. Braxton
Mr. Darren G. Mire, Ex Officio

ABSENT

Atty. Patrick D. Magee

UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL

System President Ronald Mason, Jr.
Evola Bates, Chief of Staff
Chancellors James Llorens (SUBR) and Leodrey Williams (SUAREC)
Dr. William Broussard, Director of Athletics, SUBR

Board Counsel

Attys. Winston DeCuir, Jr. and Tracie Woods

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5: UPDATE ON THE BAYOU CLASSIC

Atty. Byron C. Williams, SU Bayou Classic Coordinator, introduced Ms. Dottie Belletto to the Committee. Ms. Belletto is the President /CEO of the New Orleans Convention Company (NOCCI), the firm that assumed the management of the Bayou Classic in 2011.

Ms. Belletto's presentation began with Clips of the 2011 Bayou Classic and its auxiliary events. She then provided the Committee with an overview of NOCCI, its staff and experience in promoting and marketing public events.

The goals established by NOCCI for the event are to:

- increase overall attendance of the Bayou Classic and its auxiliary events
- position the Bayou Classic as the premier cultural sporting event in the Nation
- regain the Bayou Classic Legacy as the Bayou Classic as the most anticipated and most attended HBCU Classic in the Nation.
- position the City of New Orleans and the Bayou Classic as the poster for Thanksgiving vacation designation
- reposition the Bayou Classic Brand

Official 2012 Bayou Classic Activities will begin September 1, with a series of Road Shows in major cities across the State. These activities will culminate November 10.

Other related events include:

- Kick off Press Conference
- Bayou Classic Celebrity Golf Tournament
- Thanksgiving Day Parade
- Empowerment Exchange with the HBCU Institute
- Coaches' Luncheon – featuring a celebrity speaker. Sale of tickets to this event is being considered.
- Welcome Reception on Friday evening, prior to the Battle of the Bands and Greek Show
- Game Day Activities --
 - Fan Festival – featuring a celebrity artist
 - 2nd line from the Fan Festival to the Superdome
 - Live entertainment in the Superdome prior to the game
 - Giveaway – prior to start of game
 - National Anthem to be sung by Celebrity Artist
 - Interactive activities during game
 - 1/2 time show
 - Houseparty after the game
- Day after Game
 - Gospel Brunch , prior to the Saint Home game

Additionally, the Committee was advised that a decrease in prices for the football game is under consideration as a means of increasing game day attendance.

Following a brief question and answer session, Committee Chair Lawson requested NOCCI representatives to develop for SU Board Members, packets to use in seeking small sponsorships for the Bayou Classic.

AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS

The presence of SU System Foundation members was recognized: Ms. Anna Jones (President) Mr. Martin Johnson (newly appointed member), Atty. Preston Castille (Counsel) and Dr. Ernie Hughes (Director).

AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

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

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SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Off Premise Property Loan Policy

The Southern University Board of Supervisors (Board) recognizes that a need exists for the members of the Board and its employees to utilize property off premises for position/job related purposes or for furthering the Board's mission.

This policy has been established to govern the use of off premise property in the care of the Board:

1. General Use of Board property off premises shall be limited as follows:

A. **Outside entities.** The loan or off premise use of Board property to or by anyone other than members and staff of the Board, is prohibited unless authorized through an agreement between the Board and another public agency for the mutual benefit of both parties.

B. **Students.** The loan or off premise use of Board property to or by a student is prohibited, unless a responsible college official has determined that such use is necessary for instructional purposes.

C. **Governing Board Members and Employees.** The loan of Board property to or by a Board Member or staff for personal reasons is prohibited.

2. Responsibility for property taken off the University's premises:

A. While the property is off premises, it is in the care, custody, and control of the lende. The lende is responsible for the property and its appropriate use and maintenance until the equipment has been returned with a receipt duly signed by the Board's office. The lende using the property must take all measures necessary to ensure the security of the property.

B. While the property is in the possession of a lende, he/she is responsible for returning the property to Office of the Board of Supervisors in the same condition as lende received it. Lende agrees to assume the risk of loss or property damage due to the lende's failure to exercise due care in the possession or use of the property. The phrase 'due care' means that level of care appropriate under the circumstances.

C. Failure to exercise due care will be presumed unless the lende can demonstrate that the property was lost, stolen, or damaged despite the lende's exercise of due care. If the property is damaged as a result of a failure to exercise due care, lende must agree to pay the cost of repair. The cost of repair shall not to exceed the original purchase value. The lende assumes financial responsibility for loss or damage to property through their homeowner's insurance or personal funds.

3. Off premise loans of property to Board Members must be returned, prior to the end of his/her term on the Board and to Board employees prior to the end of their employment with the Board. All off

Premise loans of property, regardless of duration, will be monitored and inventoried annually by the Board's Executive Assistant or his/her designee and documentation on file in the University's property department. Verification of property return by completion of return receipt on the property loan agreement will be the lendeer's responsibility and must be verified by the Board's Executive Assistant or his/her designee.

4. Loan or off premise use of property: The Board of Supervisors property loaned or taken off the University premises regardless of duration must be recorded on a property loan agreement. (See attachment). This form is used both to authorize and record the off premises use of Board property. The following information is required:

- A. Identification of the lendeer to be using the property off premises
- B. Off premises location of property
- C. Justification for taking the property off premises
- D. Complete description of the item(s) to be taken off premises
- E. Description of the condition of the property at date of loan
- F. Signature of lendeer agreeing to comply with the terms of the policy.

Effective: May 25, 2012

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

EQUIPMENT LOAN FORM

Name: _____ Board Member _____ Term Exp. Date _____

Board Employee _____ Phone Number: _____ E-mail _____

Equipment Information: _____

Reason equipment is being borrowed: _____

Location where borrowed equipment will be used: _____

Terms of Loan:

The equipment indicated above is the property of the Southern University Board of Supervisors and is to be used only for the purposes indicated in the borrowing policy.

Period of loan: From _____ To _____

I have read and understand the equipment borrowing policy detailed above.

I understand that I am responsible for damage or loss of the above equipment while it is in my care, custody, and control.

Signature of borrower: _____ Date: _____

Authorized by: _____ Date: _____

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Return Receipt (To be completed by Board of Supervisors' Executive Assistant or designee upon the return of loaned equipment):

I, _____ (print name), acknowledge receipt and inspection of the equipment listed above.

Remarks _____

Signature _____ Date: _____

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EMPLOYEE CLASS	M	U				

Personnel Action Form

POSITION NUMBER	2	M	9	2	5	7
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CAMPUS: SUS _____ SUBR SULAC _____ SUAREC _____ SUNO _____ SUSLA _____

EMPLOYMENT CATEGORY: 9-MONTH _____ 12-MONTH _____ OTHER _____ (Specify) _____

_____ Academic	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Academic	_____ Civil Service
_____ Temporary	_____ Part-time (_____ % of Full Time)	_____ Restricted
_____ Tenured	_____ Undergraduate Student	_____ Job Appointment
_____ Tenured Track	_____ Graduate Assistant	_____ Probationary
_____ Other (Specify)	_____ Retiree Return To Work	_____ Permanent Status

Previous Employee N/A Reason Left N/A
 Date Left N/A Salary Paid N/A

Profile of Person Recommended

Length of Employment July 1, 2011 ^{*} To June 30, 2012
 Effective Date ~~May 21, 2012~~ May 28, 2012 *me*

Name Carlos A. Thomas SS# xxx-xx-1285 Sex Male Race* AA
 (Last 4 digits only) ^{*}

Position Title: Chief Information Officer Department: Chancellor's Office

Check One Existing Position New Position *Visa Type (See Reverse Side):

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 Expiration Date: N/A
 (Position vacancy authorization form must be processed and approved to fill existing and new positions. Position must be advertised before processing PAF, if applicable.)

Years Experience 19 Southern University Experience 5

Degree(s):	Type/Discipline (BA-Education):	Institution/Location (SU-Baton Rouge):	Year:
Ph.D.	Business Admin. (Info. Sys & Decision Sciences)	Louisiana State University	2010
Ph.D.	Public Administration	Tennessee State University	2006
M.S.	Info. Systems & Decision Sciences	Louisiana State University	2002

Current Employer Southern University and A&M College

Personnel Action

Check One New Appointment _____ Continuation _____ Sabbatical _____ Leave of Absence _____
 _____ Transfer _____ Replacement _____ Other (Specify) _____

Recommended Salary \$110,000 Salary Budgeted \$110,000

Source of Funds General Fund

Identify Budget: 111000-1001-4100 Location _____
 Form Code: 111000-1001-1000 Page _____ Item # _____

Change of: _____ From _____ To _____

Position	<u>Assistant Professor</u>	<u>Chief Information Officer</u>
Status	<u>Faculty</u>	<u>Staff (Administration)</u>
Salary Adjustment	<u>\$73,000</u>	<u>\$110,000</u>

List total funds currently paid this employee by Southern University:
 *See Reverse Side
 Comments: (Use back of form)

Source of Funds	Amount
111000-2207-61003-1000	\$73,000

*See Reverse Side Graduate School signature (if, applicable):

Supervisor	Date	Dean/Unit Head	Date
<i>[Signature]</i>		<i>[Signature]</i>	
Vice Chancellor	Date	Chancellor	Date
<i>[Signature]</i>		<i>[Signature]</i>	7/15/12
Director/Personnel	Date	V/P for Finance & Business Affairs	Date
<i>[Signature]</i>	5/16/12		
President	Date	Chairman/S.U. Board of Supervisors	Date

This information is requested solely for the purpose of determining compliance with Federal Civil Rights Laws and does not affect employment consideration.

ETHNIC ORIGIN (Please check one):

Hispanic or Latino _____ **X** _____ Non-Hispanic or Non-Latino

RACE (Please check all that apply):

White, not of Hispanic origin. A person having origins in any of the original people of Europe, North Africa, or the Middle East.

X Black, not of Hispanic Origin. A person having origins in any of the Black racial groups of Africa.

Hispanic. A person of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South American, or other Spanish culture or origins, regardless of race.

Asian or Pacific Islander. A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, the Indian Subcontinent, or the Pacific Islands. This area includes, for example, China, Japan, Korea, the Philippine Islands, and Samoa.

American Indian or Alaskan Native. A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North American, and who maintains cultural identification through tribal affiliation or community recognition.

COMMENTS:

EMPLOYEE REGULAR WORK SCHEDULE: Mon - Fri, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 a.m. (and as needed)
EMPLOYEE DIRECT SUPERVISOR: Chancellor James Llorens
SUPERVISOR/DEPARTMENT CONTACT NUMBER 771-5020
NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES SUPERVISED, (if any) _____

HR USE ONLY: STATUS (circle one): EXEMPT _____ NON-EXEMPT _____

GUIDELINES: All employees, students, graduate assistants being employed through the use of this form are to report to and be cleared by the Human Resources before any employment is offered and before starting to work. All students are to bring with them clearance from the Financial Aid office, Statement of Account (fee receipt), and a class schedule. All prospective employees/students must bring a pictured ID, social security card, birth certificate, certificate of naturalization, resident alien card, H1-B and J-1 visas, passport, and F-1/I-94. The latter six (6) documents do not apply to U.S. Citizens.

Documentation must be provided for review and approval by Human Resources before employment is offered.

CLASS OF EMPLOYMENT (VISA STATUS):

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>CODE</u>	<u>Subject to Availability of Funds and Fiscal Compliance</u>	<u>EXPIRES</u>
United States Citizen/Certificate of Naturalization	US		
Resident Alien	RA		
H-1 Visa (Distinguished Merit & Ability)	H1		MAY 17 2012
J-1 Visa (Exchange Visitor Program)	J1		
F-1 Visa (Student Emp. FT Student at S.U.)	F1		
OPT (F-1 Visa-INS Prior Approval-"Practical Work Experience")	F0		

Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration

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PAF APPROVAL PROCESS CHECKLIST (Must have the information outlined below):

- Approved Position Vacancy Authorization Form (applicable for new and replacement positions)
- Position Vacancy Announcement (position advertised before processing PAF, if applicable)
- Application for Employment Form Admin/Fac/Uncl Positions (Civil Service Application for classified employees)
- Authority to Release (signed by employee) (submitted to Human Resources with Criminal/Background Check form)
- Supervisory Criminal/Background Check Form (completed by employee/verified and signed by supervisor)
- Exemptions Survey Form (signed by employee and budget head)
- Proposed Employee Appointment
- Proposed Employee Clearance
- N/A** Restricted/ Job Appointment/CS Rule 6.5g Letter of Justification (for classified, if applicable)

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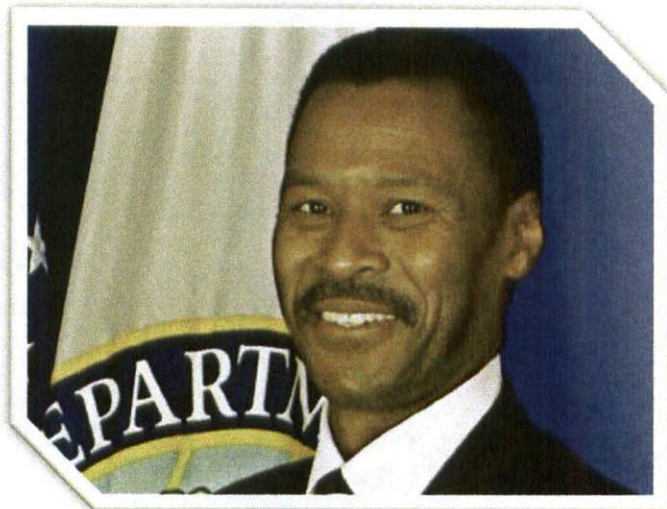
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SIGNIFICANT ACCOMPLISHMENTS/ACHIEVEMENTS

Head of White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities is Spring 2012 Commencement Speaker

Dr. John S. Wilson, Jr., the Executive Director of the White House Initiative on Historical Black Colleges and Universities, was the commencement speaker at Southern University's spring 2012 graduation ceremony, May 18 in the F.G. Clark Activity Center.

As executive director, Dr. Wilson partners the White House, 32 federal agencies, private and philanthropic entities to work to assist 105 HBCUs across the country.

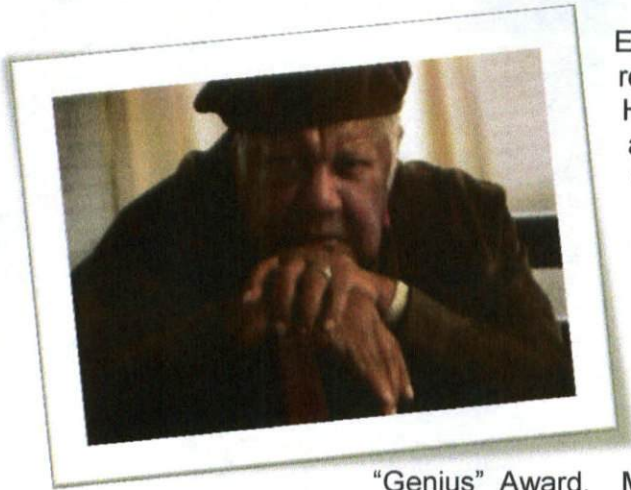


Dr. Wilson received his bachelor's degree from Morehouse College, a master's of Theological Studies from Harvard University and both a master's and doctoral degree in administration, planning and social policy from Harvard University.

Prior to working with the White House Initiative on HBCUs, he was an associate professor of higher education in the graduate school of education at George Washington University. He also served as the executive dean of GWU's Virginia Campus and helped to develop a strategic plan for the university.

The speaker challenged the graduates to prepare themselves to compete from a global perspective in a world that is becoming smaller and smaller.

Renowned Author Awarded Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters



Ernest Gaines, world renowned author, was recently awarded the Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters by Southern University and A&M College at Baton Rouge. Over a span of several decades, this Louisiana native has distinguished himself as a literacy giant of international acclaim.

He is the recipient of numerous awards, including the National Book Critics Circle Award for Fiction, the National Humanities Medal of the United States and the MacArthur Foundation

"Genius" Award. Mr. Gaines has also received prestigious grants from the National Endowment for the Arts, the Solomon Guggenheim Foundation and the Rockefeller Foundation.

Through his works, he has depicted the complexity of the African American experience and the human condition. He has been and continues to be a great source of pride for the State of Louisiana and a source of inspiration for aspiring young writers.

On Thursday, May 17, 2012, SUBR held a reception in Mr. Gaines' honor and on Friday, May 18, 2012, the Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters was conferred upon him during the 2012 Spring Commencement Exercises.

ExxonMobil donates \$89,550 to Southern University

ExxonMobil Corporation officials presented a check for \$89,550 to Southern University and A&M College on Friday, May 4, 2012, during a ceremony on the Baton Rouge campus.

SU Chancellor James L. Llorens accepted the check from Julius Bedford, ExxonMobil's Port Allen

Lubricants Plant Manager. Other ExxonMobil employees participating in the check



presentation were David Dartez, HR Service Manager; Wilbert Ferdinand, Risk Management Advisor; and Claudette B. Bradford, Lab Supervisor and ExxonMobil Recruiting Team Captain for Southern University.

Southern and ExxonMobil have a long partnership which includes the company's sponsorship and contributions to the annual Bernard Harris Summer Camp and the Engineering Summer Institute on the SUBR campus. ExxonMobil provides internships for Southern students and has hired a large number of SU graduates.

"ExxonMobil continues to be an integral part of the success of the Baton Rouge campus. Through the years, the company has provided financial contributions and equipment that have helped our students and faculty in every phase of campus life," said Chancellor Llorens. "The company's generosity has helped our students remain competitive on a global scale."

"With a shared goal to provide career opportunities for our youth, we are committed to providing annual support to Southern University," said ExxonMobil's Julius Bedford. "In the past three years, this matching gift grant has doubled as a testament to our strong partnership with the university and a pledge to future funding."

ExxonMobil's financial and in-kind contributions have provided extraordinary benefits for SU students in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) fields. The company has also provided significant support to the College of Business.

The ExxonMobil contributions will be used for scholarships and other educational needs at the University.

Southern University Engages Faith-Based Institutions in Student Recruitment Effort

Southern University has taken its student recruitment effort on the road in collaboration with faith-based institutions across the state. The latest stop was May 1 at Rose of Sharon Baptist Church in Alexandria, Louisiana.

Representatives from the Baton Rouge campus talked with high school seniors and their parents about scholarships, financial aid, housing, registering requirements and courses of study. SUBR officials were also involved in the recruitment event.

Rose of Sharon, pastored by the Rev. Larry Smith, is located at 1401 Martin Luther King Drive in Alexandria, Louisiana.

SU students asked to participate in Scotlandville Park restoration

The JAG University Ambassadors invited students and the SU community to partner with Community Against Drugs and Violence (CADAV, Inc.) in participating in a clean-up and restoration effort May 5 at Scotlandville Park.

Mayor-President Kip Holden's Office also participated in the event which was held from 8:30 a.m. to noon. SU students gathered in front of the Smith-Brown Union, at 8 a.m., before heading to the park.

Volunteers were signed up through the Office of Student Orientation/Outreach and Leadership Development.

SU students dominate Ag research paper competition

Southern University students earned first, second and fourth place positions in the oral undergraduate research competition at the 27th annual Minority in Agriculture, Natural Resources and Related Sciences (MANRRS) Conference held recently in Atlanta.



In the photo, from left to right- Delane Ross, Adria Smith, Lillian Profit, Patience Muse, Karl Harnsberry, William Lavergne and Andrea Bridgewater.

The winning Southern students, called the Ag STARS (Shaping Tomorrow's Agricultural Research Scientists), were chosen from a field representing 14 teams, including those from Oregon State University, Pennsylvania State University, The Ohio State University, the University of Maryland-Eastern Shore, Fort Valley State University and South Carolina State University.

The winning paper was titled: "An Empirical Analysis of Factors Influencing Gasoline Consumption in the United States." The second place paper was titled "Food Label Use and Perceptions of Weight Status Among Selected Groups of University Students."

The 1st place team members were Delane Ross, a junior animal science major from Woodville, MS.; Karl Harnsberry, junior, agricultural economics, Opelousas; Domicka McKeey, junior, Plant and Soil Sciences, Zachary; and Shaina Craige, junior, animal science, Eight Mile, Ala.

The 2nd place group included Andrea Bridgewater, junior, animal science, Tallulah; William Lavergne, agricultural economics, Opelousas; and Andria Smith, sophomore,

agricultural economics, Salina, Kan., Finishing 4th were; Lillian Profit, junior, animal science, Monroe; and Patience Muse, sophomore, agricultural economics, Greensburg.

Ag STARS members must maintain a cumulative g.p.a. of 2.50 and above and must be majoring in or intend to major in agricultural economics, animal sciences, or plant sciences. Each participant is required to attend weekly mentoring sessions, and in turn, receive a \$1,000 stipend per semester.

The program's primary goal is to use interdisciplinary research in the food and agricultural sciences to enhance participants' critical-thinking, analytical, writing, and oral communication skills. The Ag STARS Program is funded by a grant under the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Capacity Building Grant Program.

Dr. Patricia E. McLean-Meyinsse is the principal investigator for the grant; she was also the faculty advisor for the students' research papers.

Apparel, Textiles students present their creations



Southern University's Apparel Merchandising and Textiles students are now displaying the projects they completed in the Computer Applications in Design class. They also participated in a Special Topics – Apparel Design class.

The event, launched Wednesday, May 3, is called the CAD Extravaganza. The designs will be on display in Pinkie Thrift Hall for several more days.

To see an album of photos from the Extravaganza, visit our Facebook site at:

https://www.facebook.com/pages/Southern-University-and-AM-College-Baton-Rouge-LA/116700329566?ref=tn_tnmn

Doggett, Mohammed named SU's top student-athletes

Courtesy: Southern U. Athletic Media Relations

Release: 04/26/2012



Southern University Athletics named seniors Quinton Doggett and Carlisa Mohammed its 2012 Student-athletes of the Year at the 2nd Annual Student-Athlete Awards picnic Wednesday.

"The student-athlete picnic was a wonderful way to wrap up the year and give us, as a staff, a way to show appreciation to the students and coaches for the way they represent SU on a daily basis."

Doggett, a native of Richmond, Va. and a first team All-SWAC selection, helped Southern men's basketball achieve the greatest turnaround in Louisiana in 2012. The Jaguars finished second in the Southwestern Athletic Conference with a 17-14 record.

Mohammed was named the Tournament MVP and was an All-Tournament team selection as the Jaguars earned its third consecutive SWAC women's tennis championship.

Prior to the awards picnic, Southern University presented \$500 in donations to the Baton Rouge Sickle Cell Anemia Foundation (BRSCAF) and the Big Buddy Program each.

The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee raised the amount during the Southwestern Athletic Conference's coin drive during the 2011-12 basketball season. The NCAA awarded \$500 to the BRSCAF on behalf of the Southern University after the women's basketball program won the Pack the House Challenge in February.

Members of the Southern University Quarterback Club and the Blue and Gold Century Club provided the food for the event.

"The staff and boosters did a wonderful job putting it together and it's an excellent tradition. We were also excited to mark the occasion by presenting two cash contributions to Big Buddy and the Baton Rouge Sickle Cell Anemia Foundation."

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Lori Burgess, chief operating officer of BRSCAF, accepted the department's contribution on behalf of the Baton Rouge non-profit organization. Gaylene Mack, executive director and Laurie Hardison, director of volunteers and public relations, accepted for Big Buddy Baton Rouge.

For more information on contributing to or volunteering with Big Buddy and BSCAF, visit <http://bigbuddyprogram.net/web/you> and <http://www.brscaf.org/>.

Office of Media Relations Update

April 19: **WVLA Ch. 33** did a story on Southern University's **Save Our Southern Day** at the State Capitol.

National Publication, *Diverse Issues in Higher Education*, published a story about HBCU colleges of business and the job market. SU Dean of the College of Business, Dr. Donald Andrews, was interviewed.

Chancellor James Llorens spoke to the Baton Rouge Press Club on April 16. His presentation dealt with the University's future in light of budget cuts and reduction in faculty and staff on the campus. **WBRZ Ch. 2**, **WAFB Ch. 9** and **WVLA Ch. 33** all covered the story on April 16. *The Advocate* published a story on April 17.

Chancellor James Llorens' presentation at the Baton Rouge Press Club produced an editorial in *The Advocate* on April 23. The editorial focused on the Chancellor's speech that outlined how SU was going to realign itself to become stronger in spite of state budget cuts.

The *Alexandria Town Talk* newspaper published an announcement April 27 about Southern University coming to Alexandria on a recruitment trip on May 1.

On April 30, *The Advocate* published a story about SU Lab School starting an online curriculum.

On May 5, *The Advocate* newspaper published a story about ExxonMobil donating \$89,550 to SUBR.

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AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND EXTENSION CENTER**



Leodrey Williams

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Following the recent Memorandum of Understanding between the SU Ag Center and St. Landry Parish, the proposed garden project has since taken root. On April 10, Southern University Ag Center experts Mila Berhane, senior research associate and Yemane Ghebreyessus, professor, plant and soil sciences, started work on the one-acre garden. The spring garden was sown with 400 tomatoes seedlings, 400 pepper seedlings, 100 herb seedlings, 8 rows of beans and 8 rows of sweet corn. The inmates received hands-on experience from preparing the land to planting and installing irrigation system.

The garden is expected to produce more than enough food for the jail's more than 250 inmates with enough left over to sell.



Inmates receive hands-on training from SU Ag Center specialists



The garden team prepares to water plants



Dr. Yemane installs irrigation system

During the launching of the St. Landry garden, the parish president, other parish dignitaries and the press were on hand. The event received wide media coverage including the *Daily World*, the *Alexandra Town Talk*, the *Baton Rouge Advocate* and the *KNOE 8 News* in Opelousas. The article is available online at:

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PROCUREMENT CONFERENCE MOTIVATES SMALL BUSINESSES

The Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center held its 8th Annual "Connecting Businesses with Contracts" Procurement Conference, April 10.

The event which was open to all small business owners, contractors, and the public, attracted nearly 400 individuals to the Southern University Baton Rouge campus.

Other conference participants and exhibitors were potential and existing contractors, entrepreneurs and government agencies with contracting officers and purchasing agents who came to support the event or seek beneficial information and network.

Attendees received information on sources of assistance, the process of registering and obtaining licensing, methods of financing, and securing contracts. Participants also learned the latest techniques on selling products and services to private industry, federal, state, and local government agencies.

Representatives from the United States Small Business Administration were available to discuss SBA programs, guarantees, the certification process, bonds and surety, GO Loans, and disaster loans.



Conference networking



Concurrent session



Exhibitors and conference attendees interact

The Louisiana State Contractor Licensing Department was also available to answer questions from individuals interested in becoming licensed as well as existing contractors who wish to expand their businesses.

This year, the Center for Rural and Small Business Development at Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center, Southern University College of Business, the U.S. Small Business Administration, Louisiana Small Business Development Centers of Baton Rouge and Lafayette, and Louisiana Procurement Technical Assistance Center hosted the conference.

When asked why the conference has continued for eight years, Gloria London, director of the Center for Rural and Small Business Development said "Because it offers an excellent opportunity for small business owners to obtain, share information, network and improve their business strategies."

"It keeps growing, the first year we had a little more than 200 attendees and now the conference is nearly 350 participants strong, and still growing, said London."

SU AG CENTER CLIMATE CHANGE SYMPOSIUM DRAWS INTERNATIONAL PRESENTERS

The Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center hosted a symposium on climate change and ecosystem, April 24 at A. O. Williams Hall, attracting presenters from the United States and China. The goal of the symposium was to share research and educational information on how the change in climate and ecosystem is affecting the forests, wetlands and water, and ways to mitigate them to ensure sustainability.

The SU Ag Center Chancellor Leodrey Williams; Vice Chancellor for Research Adell Brown, Jr.; Vice Chancellor for Extension Gina E. Eubanks; and Vice Chancellor for Research and Strategic Initiatives at SUBR, Michael Stubblefield brought greetings to symposium participants.

During his welcome address, Chancellor Williams emphasized the relevance of the symposium to the current climatic changes that continue to have negative impacts on the United States and the world at large.

Among the presenters were students, faculty and professionals from organizations such as Southern University; Louisiana State University; Columbia University; USDA Forest Service; U.S. Geological Survey; East Carolina University; University of Southern Mississippi; and Northeast Institute of Geography and Agroecology Institute, Chinese Academy of Sciences, Changchun, P.R. China.

Discussions included topics such as, *An overview of trends, projections and potential ecosystem impacts in the Southeastern United States*; *An ecosystem approach to climate change and urban forestry education and research*; *What we know and how we know it*; *The role of the US Forest Service in climate change science and management*; and *Modeling and assessing the impact of climate change on the Amite River Ecosystem*, among others.

Zhu Ning, professor, urban forestry, SU Ag Center organized the event.



Dr. Brown welcomes participants



Dr. Ning presents to the audience

SU Ag Center KICKs BUTTS at SHREVEPORT HEALTH FAIR

The Communities of Color Network, Regional Coordinator for Region VII, Urina F. Holt, hosted a Kick Butts Block Party/Health Fair to spread the word on National Kick Butts Day in Shreveport, March 22. The event was held on the corner of Texas Street and Louisiana Avenue next to SU Shreveport's Metro Center. Many community health vendors participated in spreading the word on the harmful effects of tobacco use.

The SU Shreveport cheerleading squad judged local middle and high school cheerleaders in a cheering competition. They made up chants and cheers on "No Tobacco" and "Stop Smoking." Contestants received trophies for "Most Spirit," "Most Creative Cheer" and "Most Motivated." Event participants had an opportunity to view the Institute of Tobacco, list of harmful ingredients found in tobacco, diseases caused by the use of tobacco, and the functions of a good lung compared to a lung that has had been exposed to tobacco smoke. Also available was the test that measures the age of participants' lungs by blowing into a tube.

Attendees had an opportunity to receive face-painting, write positive messages on sidewalk with chalks, play bingo, which listed ingredients found in tobacco and diseases caused by tobacco use. The crowd enjoyed hotdogs, chips, and drinks, and much more.

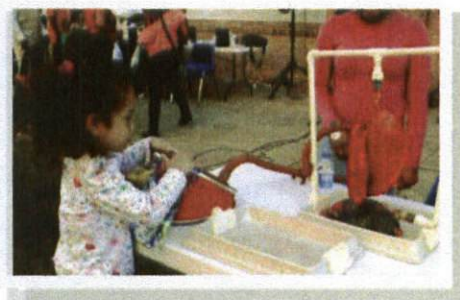
The Communities of Color Network passed out t-shirts, rulers, back packs, pens, and kick butts stickers to event participants. Supporting vendors included SU Shreveport's Nursing Program, Dental Hygienist, Shreveport Police Department, and Fire Department, along with other local community health partners.

KTAL (Channel 6) came out and interviewed Ms. Holt on the importance of getting the message out to inform our youth on the use of tobacco. Holt spoke on how tobacco was the leading cause of death among African Americans, and that some of the diseases caused by tobacco use include cardiovascular disease, heart disease, stroke, and cancer.

Holt brought awareness of the harmful effects that result from using tobacco to the participants. The Region VII Coordinator asked the participants to make a commitment that they would either stop smoking or for those who were not using tobacco, to never pick up the deadly habit of using tobacco, (spit tobacco or smoking tobacco).

The Communities of Color Network is an educational awareness program at the SU Ag Center, which addresses the unhealthy consequences of tobacco use and the dangers of secondhand smoke.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that Louisiana ranks second among the states with the largest percentage of African-American smokers at 27%, behind Michigan. The Coalition for Tobacco-Free Kids, (2009) reported that in Louisiana, approximately 690 adults die each year due to secondhand smoke exposure.



Fair attendees gather information



HUBZONE BOOT CAMP

The Center for Rural and Small Business Development coordinated a "HUBZone Boot Camp" with the U.S. Small Business Administrative (SBA) on April 24 in the SU Ag Center. More than 30 participants from diverse backgrounds across the state attend the event.

The SBA's Historically Underutilized Business Zones (HUBZone) Program is designed to assist small businesses located in these designated areas in identifying and securing federal contracts. HUBZone areas are typically areas of low to median household income, high unemployment rate, or both.

Boot camp attendees gained information on contracting programs available for small businesses, eligibility and certification requirements, government purchasing procedures, and how to become a government vendor.

Jo Ann Lawrence, Lead Business Development Specialist in the Louisiana Office of SBA in New Orleans spearheaded the training. For further detail, contact Gloria London, director of Center for Rural and Small Business Development at 225/771-4107, or Eual Hall, business development specialist at 225-771-4105.



Lawrence emphasizes point to training participants

RABBIT SHOW SPURS COMPETITION AMONG YOUTH

On April 14, youth from across the state gathered at the Maurice A. Edmond Livestock Show Arena in Baker for the 40th Annual State and National Rabbit Show, hosted by Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center. Family and friends were in attendance to lend support. Buyers were there too to take home excellent breeding stock.

The Rabbit Show is a gathering of all kinds of rabbit breeds and colors, with children as young as four years old working with siblings to produce a grand family affair.



Showing table



Judging table



A proud Show winner

The SU Ag Center's Rabbit Show is the largest in the state with competitions in 16 sanctioned rabbit breeds. Participants are school-aged youth who represent Future Farmers of America (FFA) chapters, 4-H Clubs, and other youth groups.

SU AG CENTER HOLDS COMMUNITY GARDEN CURRICULUM WORKSHOP

The Southern University Ag Center has developed a community garden curriculum. On April 4, some of the specialists who contributed to making the curriculum a success along with guest speakers conducted a workshop for the public to gain knowledge on how to practice sustainable and organic gardening techniques.

Gina E. Eubanks, vice chancellor for Extension brought welcome to workshop participants.

Presenters and topics included: Mila Berhane, senior research associate, *Using Rain Barrels*; Johnny Carrier, Lighthouse Mission, Opelousas, *Gardens Change Lives*; Chris Robichaux, county agent, St. Martin and Iberia Parishes, *Overview of the Community Garden Curriculum Lessons 1 – 6* an *Introduction to Soil and Composting*; Ollie Doucet, Baton Rouge Garden Alliance, *Testimony for Community Gardens*; Sarah Sims, extension aide, Madison Parish, *School and Community Gardens: Inception to Consumption*;

Yemane Ghebreyessus, professor, plant and soil sciences, *Access to Water- Lesson 10, Rainwater Harvesting*; Tiffany Wilkerson-Franklin, Project Coordinator, Military Community, Family and Youth Extension Project, *Improving Quality of Life Through Gardening*; and Stephanie Elwood, extension associate, *Community Gardens Overview of CGC Lessons 11 – 14*. The workshop concluded with a question and answer session.



Cross section of workshop session



A sample of cabbage plant from Tallulah Elem School Garden



Sims makes a presentation to workshop participants

WAKE UP LOUISIANA!

One of the main goals of the Communities of Color Network (CoC) is to educate the African American business community about the dangers of tobacco use and secondhand smoke, and further, to have them commit to being 100% tobacco-free facilities.

Tobacco-free African American bars in Baton Rouge are rare. Two such establishments are *The End Zone Daiquiri and Bar* and *The Famous Theater*. To help highlight their uniqueness and to show CoC's support, Frankie Poland, regional coordinator, chose these two bars in celebration of the Wake Up Louisiana advocacy event for 2012. She made presentations to their patrons about the dangers of tobacco use and secondhand smoke, in addition to handing out literature on both issues.



L-r: Susan Shields, owner, End Zone Bar, and Frankie Poland, CoC, SU Ag Center



L-r: DJ Red Sylez and Poland addressing bar patrons on the dangers of tobacco use

In conversation with the owners, Poland found that neither entity sees its non-smoking policy as a hindrance to their businesses. Patrons were eager to talk about their quit smoking successes and about how much they enjoy the smoke-free environment. More than 300 people were in attendance.

Wake Up Louisiana is an annual statewide educational advocacy event sponsored by the Communities of Color Network. Activities are held during the month of March.

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND EXTENSION CENTER

CENTER FOR RURAL AND SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT BRINGS ASSISTANCE TO NEW IBERIA

The Center for Rural and Small Business Development (CRSBD) and the Hopkins Street Economic Development District began holding a free six-week business development training in New Iberia, on April 16 at the Anderson Middle School.

Joseph Lockwood with the Hopkins Street Economic Development District provided opening remarks to the participants and welcomed them to the session.

Gloria London, Director of the CRSBD brought greetings, spoke about the purpose of the training, provided background information about the Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center and the services provided through the Center for Rural and Small Business Development.

LaKeeshia Giddens, Program Director of the CRSBD's E-Learning Center, spoke to the participants about the E-Learning Center's ca-

pabilities and the services it can provide.

Eual Hall, Business Development Outreach Specialist, conducted a training session on "How to start a business."

The second session of the six-week series was held on Monday, April 23 at the Anderson Middle School.

CRSBD Director, Gloria London, provided greeting to the participants and Linda E. Brown, with the Communities of Color Network – SU Ag Center, spoke on the topic "Customer Service with Swagger."

Jacqueline A. Nash, Esquire, SU Law Center, also presented training on the "Legal Aspects of Starting and Running a Small Business."

The free training series will continue on April 30, May 7, 14 and 21 from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. at the An-

derson Middle School, 1059 Anderson Street, New Iberia, La.



Giddens interacts with participants

E-LEARNING CENTER ASSISTS HAMMOND AREA BUSINESS

The Center for Rural and Small Business Development's E-Learning Center conducted an application assistance training seminar on completing the USDA Rural Development's Housing Loan and Grant Program for the staff of All About U Personal Care Service in Hammond, La. on April 26.

The business requested assistance with the application to help their clients, some of which are in dire need of home repairs and lack the funds to make the improvements. The objective of the rural housing loan and grant program is to assist eligible very low-income owner-occupants in rural areas repair

their single family homes or pay the costs of repairs and improvements that will remove identified health and safety hazards, or to repair or remodel dwellings to make them accessible and useable for household members with disabilities.

All About U Personal Care Service offers home health care services in the form of in-home, personal 24 hour, special needs and elderly services.

The CRSBD will continue to assist the business with other rural development trainings in the coming months.



SU Ag Center trainers and Hammond trainees pose in front of the Mobile Unit

E-LEARNING CENTER VISITS TANGIPAHOA VILLAGE

The E-Learning Center visited the residents of Tangipahoa Village on April 26.

Tangipahoa Village Mayor Michael Jackson and town residents welcomed the idea of receiving business development training in the community.

There was also a request for job placement training, GED preparation, nutrition training and college entrance information in the community.

CRSBD staff members are planning to partner with other Ag Center staff members, as well as the

Southern University Baton Rouge campus to assist in meeting the needs of this rural community in the future.



Trainers and trainees pose in front of the SU Ag Center Mobile Unit

SU AG CENTER HORSE SHOW EXCEPTIONAL

The Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center hosted the 42nd Annual Horse Show, April 20-22 at the Maurice A. Edmond Livestock Show Arena in Baker. Trail riders from as far as Texas, Mississippi, and North Louisiana traveled to Baton Rouge for the event.

This year, the horse parade left from the Edmond Livestock Show Arena in Baker to Leland College with different horse riding associations, from which, first and second place winners were selected by judges. More than 75 horses participated in the parade, which included riders of all ages.

The gates opened for the three-day event at noon on Friday, a fashion show followed at 6:30 pm, while the ultimate ranch rodeo took place at 7:00 pm. Saturday morning, the event went into full force with the Youth Ultimate Ranch Rodeo, Stick Horse Rodeo, and the climax of the show, the Trail Ride from the Edmond Livestock Arena at noon. After the conclusion of the gated horse show, Leon Chavis and the Zydeco Flames entertained the crowd, followed by J. Paul, Jr. and Zydeco Nubreeds at 9:00 pm. On Sunday, the show came to a close following the Cowboy Church Service and Farewell Breakfast.



Riders on parade route from the Livestock Arena

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY AG CENTER, CAMPUSES RALLY TO PRESERVE SYSTEM

The Battle of the Budget was launched in April 2011 as Southern University System students, faculty and staff took to the steps of the capitol. This year, as part of the Support Our Southern Campaign, the SU Ag Center joined forces again with the other four campuses and rallied at the Capitol. On April 19, officials and students from all entities in Southern University System gathered in the Rotunda of the State Capitol to express their feelings about impending budget cuts.

To show economic its impact on the state, the SU Ag Center displayed booths of information and

products such as goat and hibiscus products generated to sustain the economy.



SOS advocates visit SU Ag Center booth to sample products

In the afternoon, the SU Marching Band—Human Juke Box drummed their support of the SOS campaign at the steps of the Capitol. The goal of the rally was a call for help from legislators to save the System from impending cuts. The event attracted wide media coverage. To read more about the rally, visit NBC 33 at: <http://www.nbc33tv.com/news/education/southern-university-at-the-capitol-today>

COMMUNITIES OF COLOR NETWORK CO-SPONSORS WOMEN CHEFS' SHOW OFF

The Communities of Color Network (CoC) at SU Ag Center co-sponsored the 17th Annual Women Chefs' Show Off held at the Belle of Baton Rouge Casino & Hotel Atrium. This was a fundraising event in support of the Capital Area Family Violence Intervention Center, Inc. benefitting The Battered Women's Program.



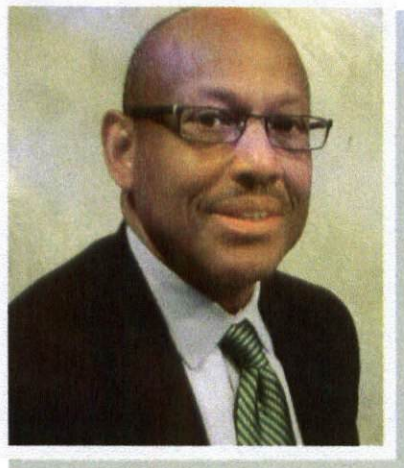
The Communities of Color Network is an educational awareness program at the SU Ag Center, which addresses the unhealthy consequences of tobacco use and the dangers of secondhand smoke. Throughout the year, CoC has collaborated with the Battered Women's program to educate its clients through an ongoing variety of activities including presentations, booth displays, along with distribution of pamphlets and other materials related to tobacco use.

SU Ag Center staff in attendance included Linda Early Brown, director, Communities of Color Network; Gloria London, director, Center for Rural and Small Business Development; Paula Jordan, CoC Regional Coordinator; and other advocates for CoC including Caroline Mays and Pamela R. Ginn.

In addition, CoC provides information about smoking cessation.

During the Chefs' Show Off, Frankie Poland, Regional Coordinator and Bernice Carter, Community Encourager addressed and answered questions posed by some of the 300 guests in attendance as they visited the booth display.

FACULTY AND STAFF ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND ACTIVITIES



Adell Brown, executive vice chancellor and vice chancellor for Research, Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center, and president of the 100 Black Men of Metro Baton Rouge was honored on April 6 as one of six exceptional community leaders across the country by 100 Black Men of America Inc. Congratulations, Dr. Brown! The full story is available at <http://theadvocate.com/home/2483859-125/business-honors-for-april-6>

The 100 Black Men of America, Inc. is a national organization. The mission of the 100 is to improve the quality of life within the community and enhance educational and economic opportunities for all African Americans. They aim to create an environment for children to become motivated to achieve through mentoring, and to empower people to become self-sufficient shareholders in the economic and social fabric of the communities across the USA.

Linda Early Brown, director, Communities of Color Network, was recently selected to serve on the Txt4health Community Advisory Board. Txt4health is a free mobile education service to fight diabetes. It is a federal initiative from the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology.

Participants in Txt4health receive about 4-7 SMS text messages for 14 weeks with timely, relevant information to help them improve

and manage their health. There is no cost to enroll in the program. However, message and data rates may apply according to plan with wireless carrier. At this time, the service is only available in Greater New Orleans, Detroit, and Cincinnati.

To enroll in the program, text "HEALTH" to 300400 on mobile phone or online at <https://txt4health.com/txt4health/Display/display.aspx?CurrentXsltId=5>



Front row, Brown in green

FACULTY AND STAFF ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND ACTIVITIES CONTD.

Patricia Lee, assistant area agent in DeSoto Parish spoke on emergency preparedness at the Foster Grandparent Training held at the Multi-Cultural Alumni Center, Mansfield, on April 13. Approximately 67 foster grandparents received information on how to prepare their families for disasters that are common in Louisiana. Each foster grandparent received handouts with a list of items needed in their evacuation bags in the event a situation occurred that may require them to leave their homes.



Cross section of participants at grandparents workshop

Lee also served as a plenary speaker on Healthy Eating Choose My Plate during the 2012 Women Retreat Celebrating Wellness & Culture, held in Caddo Parish at the Highland Center in Shreveport, April 21.



Lee, right, receives a certificate of participation

LaKeeshia Giddens, Program Director of the E-Learning Center in the Center for Rural and Small Business Development (CRSBD) appeared on the talk show 'Acadiana Today' on April 16 to promote the CRSBD's free six-week business development training series being held in New Iberia.



The training is designed to assist individuals interested in starting a business and existing business owners in expanding their business.

The show aired at noon and 6:30 p.m. on Acadiana Channel 22.1, Cox Cable Channel 9, Allen Cable Channel 8 in Acadia, Evangeline, Iberia, Jeff Davis, Lafayette, St. Landry, St. Martin, St. Mary and Vermilion Parishes.

The series will continue on April 30, May 7, 14 and 21 from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. at the Anderson Middle School, 1059 Anderson Street.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 19: Small Ruminant Field Day at LSU Vet School. Please contact Lisa Gray at 225-771-3843 or via email lisa_gray@suagcenter.com for further details.

June 14-16: Family and Youth Exposition. SU Ag Center, Baton Rouge. For additional information, contact Dr. Wanda Burke, Youth Development Specialist at 225-771-5184.

July 9-13: Youth Cooking School, Session 1. The registration fee is \$15.00 per student. For further detail, contact De'Shoen York Friendship at 225-771-2582 or via email deshoin_york@suagcenter.com

July 18-22: Small Farmer Agricultural Leadership Training Institute. Kentucky State University, Frankfort, Kentucky. For more information, please contact Dr. Dawn Mellion-Patin at 225-771-3532.

July 23-27: Youth Cooking School, Session 2. The registration fee is \$15.00 per student. For further detail, contact De'Shoen York Friendship at 225-771-2582 or via email deshoin_york@suagcenter.com

July 24: Louisiana Small Farm Tour. Small farmers tour the state. For more information, please contact Dr. Dawn Mellion-Patin at 225-771-3532.



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Clark Building Demolition

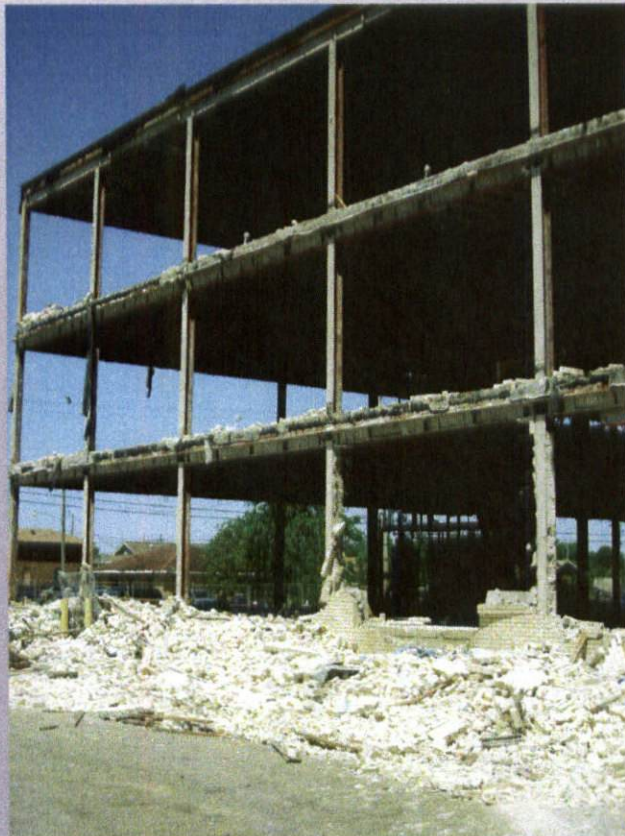
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The Clark Building is now being demolished after the long awaited removal of hazardous material from the building's interior. The first phase of trailer removal from the Lake Campus has begun. Sixteen (16) trailers are being deconstructed



and made ready for removal by the first week of May. The trailers that are being removed are: #16, #18, #27, #29, #30, #31, #32, #33, #34, #35, #36, #37, #38, #39, #40 and #41. The photographs featured on the next page are clear indicators of the work progression of the FEMA contractors and the University's contractors as the trailer removal project moves forward.

Phase II of the trailer relocation project is scheduled to begin the week of May 14, 2012, starting with the removal of the following trailers: #10, #11, #12, #13, #14, #15, #17, #19, #25, #26, #28, #42, and #43. The removal process will take approximately four to six weeks for the FEMA contractors to completely remove all trailers in Phase II and repair the ground where the trailers once sat. Upon completion of the Phase II trailer removal, the area that once housed Phase I and Phase II of the trailers will be prepared to receive the new modular buildings.



Due to limited space, we will need to keep 14 of the existing trailers to house departments that were located in Phases I & II of the existing trailers. The trailers that will remain are in better condition than the trailers that are being removed. Once the modular buildings have been completed this fall, we will move the occupants from the trailers into the new buildings. Once the occupants have been moved into the new buildings we will remove Phase III of the trailers. Phase III of the trailer removal will consist of the following trailers: #1, #2, #3, #4, #5, #6, #7, #8, #9, #20, #21, #22, #23, #24, #44 and #45. As these trailers are removed, the land will be graded and repaired and made suitable for use by the University.

Photos courtesy of Shaun Lewis, Director of Facilities

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General Studies Program College of Arts and Sciences

Submitted by Mary R. Vaughn, Ed. D.
Assistant Professor & Director

PROGRAM OPERATION & ENHANCEMENT ACTIVITIES:

The General Studies Program staff has been developing on-line curriculums with course duplications for the University's participation in the Center for Adult Learning in Louisiana (CALL) initiative.

The following project activities were conducted during the month of April:

Submission of General Studies Program Course Curricula with Recommended Revisions by Department Head/Directors of the Interdisciplinary Studies Concentrations/Minors
Submission of General Studies Program Proposed CALL Curricula to the University Curriculum Committee for Review and Approval
Review of Recommendations/Revisions by the Committee
University Curriculum Committee Submission to the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs for Review and Approval.

Continuous clearance of prospective graduates for Spring 2012.

Advisement and Registration for Early Summer/Fall Registration.

Service-Learning Announcement to Faculty for upcoming workshop.

Completed departmental inventory for May 1st deadline.

STAFF ACTIVITIES

Dr. Vaughn:
Submitted a Title III proposal draft for a new proposal for the Office of Service-Learning Enhancements for 2012-17;

Resubmitted the new webpage to the University IT Director for General Studies. (Originally submitted to the Director of Public Relations in November, 2011) Revisions will be provided that introduce on-line offerings.

Participated in the Women's Leadership Program Grant in Paraguay RFP Review, April 12, 2012.

College of Education & Human Development:

Dr. Louise Kaltenbaugh, Interim Dean
April, 2012

Accreditation:
Dr. Louise Kaltenbaugh (Interim Dean) conducted the monthly College of Education and Human Development (CoE &HD) Monthly Faculty Meeting on April 9, 2012.

Dr. Kaltenbaugh submitted an application for the position of Dean of the College of Education and Human Development.

Dr. Kaltenbaugh assisted the CoE & HD Assessment Coordinator in submitting all reports - Title II, IPEDS, and ETS.

Dr. Suzanne Mayo-Theus served on the Child Development and Family Studies program accreditation committee.

Dr. Vincent Johnson attended the 22nd Annual NAAC National Conference held in Bethesda, MD, March 1-3, 2012.

The National Association for Alternative Certification (NAAC) is the professional organization that advocates for the standards-driven nontraditional educator preparation leading to effective school staffing. NAAC reviews trends and issues to inform practices and policies relevant to recruitment, preparation, certification, support, assessment and retention of high performing educators.

Dr. Johnson also attended the Spring 2012 CAEP Conference held in Las Vegas, NV, March 14-16, 2012. The College of Education and Human Development (CoE &HD) will be seeking NCATE affirmation in 2015. The conference provided NCATE concurrent sessions designed to answer questions pertaining to the proposed merger of TEAC and NCATE into one organization which will be known as CAEP.

NCATE: National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education

TEAC: Teacher Education Accreditation Council
CAEP: Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation

Dr. Diane Bordenave participated in the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Webinar Series on the FCS (Family and Consumer Sciences) Body of Knowledge which was held on April 12, 2012.

Grant Submissions:
Dr. Suzanne Mayo-Theus worked on US AID Draft for Service Learning Grant Opportunity for 2012-2013.

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Dr. Mayo-Theus worked on DOD Grant Supporting Military Families for 2012-2014.

Dr. Mayo-Theus worked on HHS Grant for Support of Families in Crisis.

Dr. Glenda Allen-Jones spearheaded the Memorandum of Understanding with the Orleans Parish School Board and Southern University at New Orleans; supportive of the Louisiana's Striving Readers Grant (Pending).

Dr. Allen-Jones wrote and submitted the 2012-2013 Title III proposal for the Professional Literature Center for the College of Education and Human Development (Pending).

Workshops, Conferences and Scholarly Activities:

Dr. Louise Kaltenbaugh attended the Title III workshop held on April 10-11, 2012.

Dr. Suzanne Mayo-Theus submitted her dissertation research – Military Families - "Supporting Military Families Through Research by Building Strong Families." for The Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC) Conference on June 27-28, 2012.

Dr. Mayo-Theus worked on her dissertation research - Supporting Military Families Through Research by Addressing The New Normal: WELCOME HOME SOLDIER" for the RAMP Journal (Research Association of Minority Professors) for the Summer, 2012 Journal submission.

Dr. Mayo-Theus submitted her research proposal "Mothering Beyond Bars: An Inside Look at Helping Girls with Incarcer-

ated Parents, Their Families, Their Mentors and Their Communities" for The Hawaii University International Conference on Education, Honolulu, Hawaii, July 31 – August 2, 2012.

Dr. Mayo-Theus presented "Teaching and Living with Disability: An Oral History for Higher Education Classroom Instruction and Pedagogy" at The International Society for Educational Biography - 28th Annual Conference in St. Louis, MO on Saturday, April 28, 2012.

Dr. Mayo-Theus worked with CDFS students in CDFS 430 and CDFS 453 to participate in commemorating the LET's MOVE Campaign – WALK IT OUT by coordinating Walking Thursdays where this class will promote "Tackling Obesity in the Community as a Social Policy Initiative each Thursday from 5-6 p.m. The students will coordinate a walking group and promote healthy living styles among students and faculty. Students will have a table set up promoting healthy families and healthy living. Information will be provided by AARP during the months of April, 2012 and will be distributed from the class site.

Dr. Mayo-Theus edited the layout for publication of the Hurricane Katrina's Roller Coaster Ride: The Effects and Reflections of Changes in Families (book). (Printing will be completed in Summer, 2012).

Dr. Diane Bordenave submitted an Application for Individual Faculty Development Grant to attend the American

Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Conference June 24-27, 2012 in Indianapolis, IN. She also completed the online registration process for the conference.

Dr. Glenda Allen-Jones continues to work with Project M.A. C.K. The project aids in the recruitment, retention, and overall success of African-American Male students in the Early Childhood Program at Southern University at New Orleans and in the field of Early Childhood Education (Ongoing).

Dr. Allen-Jones attended the American Educational Research Association Conference; April 13-17, 2012.

Professional Outreach to Students and Community:

Dr. Louise Kaltenbaugh purchased awards for Outstanding Community Service; which were presented to CoE & HD student recipients on April 18, 2012 at the University's Honors and Awards Ceremony.

Dr. Kaltenbaugh submitted two teacher certification applications to the Louisiana State Department of Education.

On April 27, 2012, Dr. Kaltenbaugh met with 120 third grade students from Luling Elementary School.

Dr. Kaltenbaugh met with Ms. Carol Alexander-Lewis to begin planning for a September Parent Forum to be held at SUNO. She also met with MomentuM Board to review application process for a charter school.

Dr. Suzanne Mayo-Theus met with Mark Ingram (New Orle-

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ans Saints) and founder of the Mark Ingram Foundation about collaborating with the SUNO's Coalition for Educational Access and Success through Community and Family Empowerment.

Dr. Mayo-Theus attended the New Orleans faith-based Initiative on Crime in the City of New Orleans, LA.

Dr. Mayo-Theus attended the Community Outreach Group of Military Families in New Orleans, LA.

Dr. Mayo-Theus worked with families affected by incarceration with The Girl Scouts of East Louisiana and the Mark Ingram Foundation.

Dr. Mayo-Theus volunteered with the LA Crime Coalition.

Dr. Mayo-Theus attended the Domestic Violence Task Force Meeting of LA.

Dr. Mayo-Theus attended the CASA Training for Louisiana.

Dr. Vincent Johnson attended the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) conference held in Newport Beach, CA; April 12-16, 2012. His areas of focus were Athletic Eligibility and the Champion of Character.

Dr. Allen-Jones continues to work with the Total Community Action Inc., Head Start Policy Council (Advisor) and the Louisiana Association for the Education of Young Children (Board).

Dr. Allen-Jones advised over 40 students via e-mail, telephone and in-person.

Other University-related activities:

Dr. Louise Kaltenbaugh submitted the CoE &HD Title III report for accreditation and Certification Only Program.

Dr. Louise Kaltenbaugh met with Dr. Roderick Jones to discuss/plan for SUSLA summer session.

Dr. Kaltenbaugh attended the Dean's Council Meetings held on April 3rd and 24th, 2012.

Dr. Kaltenbaugh attended the President's Summit Meeting in Baton Rouge on April 4, 2012.

Dr. Kaltenbaugh attended the Orientation Meeting held on April 5, 2012 and the Freshman Orientation/Recruitment meeting held on April 12th and 18th, 2012.

On April 13, 2012, Dr. Kaltenbaugh attended the LACTE Dean's meeting held in Baton Rouge, LA

On April 17th and 23rd, 2012 Dr. Kaltenbaugh met with Mr. Patrick Anderson to discuss add-on certification for interventionist – birth to Age 5. Dr. Kaltenbaugh attended the SUNO recruitment held on April 19, 2012 – She met with Mr. Green at ADEP.

Dr. Kaltenbaugh participated in the CoE &HD graduate luncheon held on April 20, 2012.

Dr. Kaltenbaugh attended a meeting with the Honore' Center Committee to discuss admissions format.

Dr. Kaltenbaugh attended the PARCC Campus Committee

Meeting held on April 25, 2012 and the PARCC campus Leadership team meeting held on April 27, 2012.

On April 26, 2012, Dr. Kaltenbaugh met with Dr. Brenda Jackson, Title III Program Director, to discuss 2012-2013 intended programs. In addition, she attended the Honore', SUSLA and SUNO Representatives meeting also held on April 26th.

During the month of April, 2012, Dr. Kaltenbaugh wrote two letters of recommendation for Certification-Only candidates. She spoke with three (3) high school principals and seven (7) students concerning the secondary education certification program.

Dr. Suzanne Mayo-Theus served on the SUNO Coalition for Educational Access and Success through Community and Family Empowerment.

Dr. Diane Bordenave taught her assigned courses during the month.

Dr. Bordenave attended the CDFS faculty meeting held on Friday, April 13, 2012.

Dr. Bordenave attended the Southern University at New Orleans Honors and Awards Day Ceremony for Undergraduates held on April 18, 2012; University Gymnasium, Park Campus.

Dr. Bordenave attended the CoE &HD Spring Graduate Luncheon held on April 20, 2012. and donated fish as a menu item.

Dr. Bordenave administered final exams for graduating

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seniors and submitted their grades to the registrar's office.

On April 24, 2012, Dr. Bordenave attended the Southern University at New Orleans Faculty Senate meeting.

Dr. Bordenave completed Faculty Perception on the Effects of Technology Survey online at the email request of Ms. Moultrie.

Dr. Bordenave submitted her library book request for summer course CDFS321 to Dr. Pamela Wang, Chair/Director of the Child Development and Family Studies (CDFS) program.

During the pre-advisement period Dr. Bordenave met with seven of her advisees, she assisted Dr. Wang in pre-advising five students, assisted CDFS faculty in conducting interviews with fifteen students and answered multiple phone and email inquiries.

Dr. Bordenave attended the College of Education and Human Development Meeting held on April 9, 2012 and also attended the CDFS Departmental Meeting held on April 13, 2012.

Dr. Bordenave attended the Orientation Committee Meetings for Dr. Pamela Wang who serves as Chair of the Parental Involvement Subcommittee. The meetings were held on April 18th and 23rd, 2012.

Dr. Glenda Allen-Jones attended the CoE & HD Faculty Meeting held on April 9, 2012.

On April 18, 2012, Dr. Allen-Jones attended the Southern University at New Orleans

Honors and Awards Day Ceremony for Undergraduates, where she represented the CoE & HD as presenter of the Highest Departmental Academic Award. The award recipient, Ms. Anna Brown, is an Early Childhood Education program candidate.

Dr. Allen-Jones attended the exploratory meeting with Interim Dean Kaltenbaugh, Mr. Patrick Anderson and CoE & HD Departmental Chairs concerning an early intervention add-on certificate within the College.

Dr. Allen-Jones was present at the Deans' Council Meeting held on April 24, 2012.

Dr. Pamela E. Wang, CDFS Chair/Director:

Grant submissions:
Thursday, April 12, 2012
Submitted an Application for Individual Faculty Development Grant (Title III) in the amount of \$1,774.00 to attend the AAFCS 103rd Annual Conference and Expo to be held at the Indianapolis Marriott Downtown in Indianapolis, Indiana Sunday June 23-Thursday, June 28, 2012.

College level and university level committees:
Monday, April 9, 2012
Emergency College of Education and Human Development Faculty Meeting in the Conference Room of Trailer 44.

Wednesday, April 18, 2012
Honors/Awards Day for students.
SUNO's Orientation Committee Meeting held in Room 306 of the Administration Building.

Friday, April 20, 2012
College of Education and Human Development Graduate Luncheon
Contributed the Celebratory Cake and Hawaiian Pineapple Chicken Meatball as a tribute to the 13 CDFS graduates. Administered a final exam to graduating senior, Ms. Alice Spencer, in my CDFS 312 class.

Tuesday, April 24, 2012
Deans Council Meeting in Room 306 of the Administration Building.

Other university-related activities (include outside activities):
Monday, April 9-Monday April 30, 2012

PRE-ADVISEMENT
Pre-Advisement 80+ CDFS students for Summer and Fall 2012 semesters (course sequence registration, overrides, AAFCS membership, interviews, letters of recommendation, etc.)

Friday, April 27, 2012
Meeting with United Way Executive staff to discuss summer 2012 practicum placement for Ashley Bridges and Ranada Hansberry-Wiltz.

Monday, April 30 (all day)
Pre-advised ten students.

Workshops, conferences and scholarly activities
Tuesday, April 10, 2012
Title III Workshop at the LACE, 6978 Martin Drive in New Orleans East.

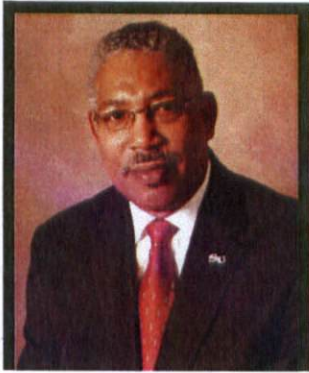
Thursday, April 12, 2012
Webinar on AAFCS Body of Knowledge Model (Accreditation Standard 1: Instructional Programs)

Community and outreach activities

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Wednesday, April 11, 2012
2nd Meeting with Volunteers of America (VoA) staff Sherlyn Hughes, Program Manager and Rev. Parker, Recruiter to discuss Inter-Institutional Agreement for practicum and field experience placements of CDFS candidates into VoA's Mentoring Children of Promise (MCP) Program. The goal of the partnership is to increase funding and improve services for the youth impacted by incarceration. The meeting was held at the Volunteers of America Headquarters Office on 3939 North Causeway in Metairie. The Inter-Institutional Agreement is yet to be signed.

Saturday, April 28, 2012
Speaker at the Operation HOPE's 3rd Graduation Ceremony for the Entrepreneurship Training Program at the Lindy Boggs International Conference Center on the campus of the University of New Orleans.

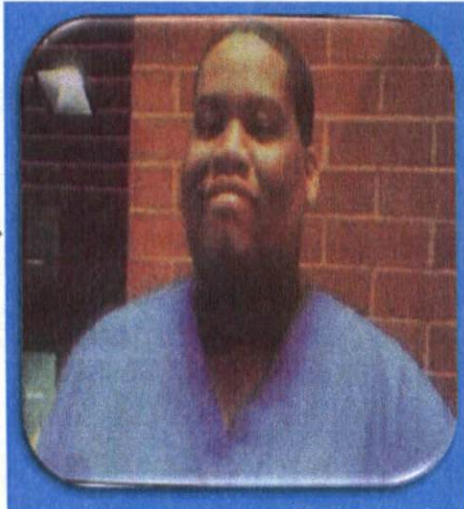


Dr. Ray L. Belton, Chancellor



RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY STUDENT RECEIVES 1ST PLACE

SUSLA Radiologic Technology program's faculty and students attended the Louisiana State Society Radiologic Technology Mid-Winter Seminar on March 9 & 10 2012 (Friday and Saturday). The LSRT Student Bee was held during the Mid Winter Seminar on Friday March 9, 2012 at the Clarion Hotel in Shreveport, LA. The STUDENT BEE was offered to all Radiologic Technology Students in the state. Approximately nine (9) schools participated in the competition. The bee is divided into two (2) categories:



SENIOR for students who have been enrolled in an accredited program for thirteen (13) months or longer at the time of the competition. Contestants must be current LSRT members, must be able to show proof of current membership and registered for the meeting at which the Student Bee is held.

JUNIOR for students who have been enrolled in an accredited program for twelve (12) months

or less at the time of the competition. Contestants must be current LSRT members, must be able to show proof of current membership and registered for the meeting at which the Student Bee is held.

The *LSRT Student Bee* was a great success thanks to the many students who participated and techs who volunteered their time to assist.

The 2012 winners were: **Junior Division – 1st place: Derrick Franklin, Southern University @ Shreveport; 2nd place: Katie Guillory, McNeese State University; and 3rd Place:**

THE AWARDS KEEP COMING.....

Health Information Technology

LHIMA Career Achievement Award:

The Louisiana Health Information Management Association (LHIMA) Career Achievement Award has been established to recognize a member of the LHIMA who has made an outstanding contribution to the professional association by developing or refining a practice

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theory, demonstrating leadership in education, or professional advancement. Kim Newlen, MA, RHIA, the Program Chair for Health Information Technology at Southern University at Shreveport, was selected by the LHIMA Board of Directors as the recipient of the 2011-2012 LHIMA Career Achievement Award.

Louisiana Health Information Management Association State Convention:

The HIT Program faculty attended the LHIMA State Convention in Lafayette, April 18th through April 20, 2012. The convention agenda provided faculty with beneficial and informative topics related to ICD-10 coding, electronic health information, and privacy and security. Faculty was also given the opportunity to network with other HIT / HIM educators in the state as well as representative staff from a multitude of healthcare institutions. Each year, the LHIMA Scholarship Committee awards one candidate from each CAHIIM accredited college or university in the state, the Eddie V. Cooksey Scholarship in the amount of \$500. The 2012 SUS HIT Program recipient of the Eddie V. Cooksey Scholarship is Abc Anderson.

Congratulations HIT!

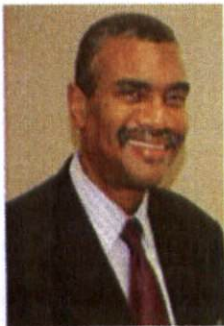
NEW STUDENT LEADERS HAVE BEEN NAMED



- SGA President **Ricosha Kindelis**
- SCB President **Kristen Gilliam**
- Miss SUSLA **Shameka Horn**
- Sophomore Class President **Jack Chandler**
- Miss Sophomore **Beniesha Mannings**

SUSLA QUALIFIES FOR OPPORTUNITIES UNDER THE GRAD ACT

Based upon the review of the Division of Administration, Office of the Commissioner, State of Louisiana, SUSLA qualifies for various allowances relative to the **Louisiana Graduation Resources and Autonomy for Diplomas Act (LA Grad Act)**.



These awards will definitely allow SUSLA to continue to improve and maintain its performance objectives in regards to Base Level Autonomies under act 418 of the Legislature. These accomplishments were made possible through countless efforts of committed faculty and staff under the leadership of Mr. Martin Fortner, Director Institutional Planning Assessment & Research. The Southern University Board of Supervisors approved the establishment of baseline data, annual benchmarks goals, and six-year performance targets for SUSLA. The university then implemented these policies and further incorporated them into strategic initiatives to achieve cohort graduation rate and graduation productivity goals that are consistent with institutional peers. Under the Act SUSLA should be able to bring in about Three Million Dollars to it's budget.

SPRING 2012 COMMENCEMENT



Southern University at Shreveport 2012 Spring Commencement will be held on Tuesday, May 15, 2012 at the Shreveport Convention Center, at 7:00pm. The commencement speaker is

Mrs. April D. Ryan

April Ryan, is a 30-year journalism veteran, has been the White House correspondent for American Urban Radio Networks (AURN) since January of 1997, covering three Presidents. Along with daily responsibilities at the White House, Ryan hosts the daily feature, The White House Report, which is broadcast to AURN's nearly 475 affiliated stations nationwide. Ryan also hosts a new Digital television program for Colours TV called the White House Report with April Ryan where minority America is given the White House perspective on matters specific to their community. Ryan is also a regular panelist on Washington Watch with Roland Martin for TV ONE.

A reception will be held prior to the commencement at the SUSLA Museum of Arts to host the speaker, members of the Board of Supervisors and various other dignitaries

SUSLA'S TIES WITH THE COMMUNITY

SUSLA CDC and Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity Kids2College on SUSLA campus

SUSLA CDC and Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity have initiated the Kids2College program at Linear Middle school. Experts agree that middle school is a critical time for instilling in students a passion for college. **On Thursday, May 3rd, at 9a.m. Kids2College participants visited the campus of Southern University at Shreveport for a brief orientation, tour and mock-classroom experience.** This is another example of SUSLA's outreach to MLK area schools and organizations.

Kids2College has been building excitement about college in young students since 1992 and has served more than 70,000 students across the country. Taking middle-grades students to institutions of postsecondary education helps students make the connection between the careers they aspire towards and the role of a postsecondary degree. Schools that routinely take middle-grades students to local institutions have found that the visit helps students envision a different future for them. Spending time on a college campus and learning about the academic and extracurricular activities available helps middle-grades students imagine what it would be like if they were in college and demystifies misconceptions. Students leave the SUSLA campus energized and hopeful for their new future as a college student. The college visit will place into context the economic and personal value of obtaining a postsecondary education.

Contributions To SUSLA



Capital One is pleased to continue their support to **Southern University at Shreveport**. They will be presenting the Chancellor with another **\$10,000** contribution that will be available for the institutions investment in campus programs and offerings. Ms Lydia P. Jackson, CRA Business Development Officer and the new Regional President Chris Haskew will make the presentation.



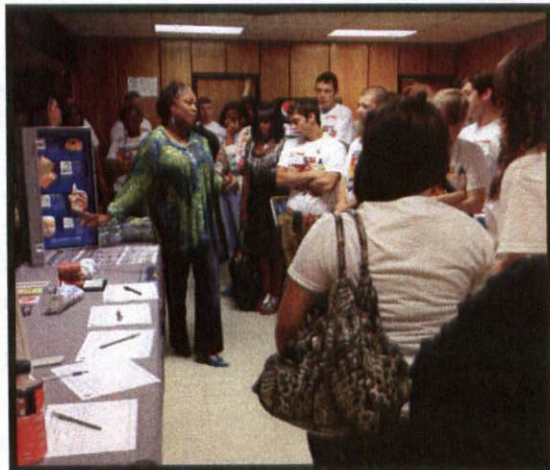
Caddo Parish Commission approves **\$250,000** for SUSLA programs Southern University at Shreveport. The 12 member commission approved **\$125,000** to begin a licensed practical nurs (LPN) program at SUSLA and **\$125,000** for its existing aerospace technology program.

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY AG CENTER ALSO IN THE COMMUNITY

**WOMEN'S RETREAT "CELEBRATING WELLNESS & CULTURE"
SATURDAY, APRIL 21, 2012
SHREVEPORT, LA (CADDO PARISH)**

Regional Coordinator for Region VII, Urina F. Holt was able to speak at the Women's Retreat where women came together to celebrate wellness and culture. Ms. Holt distributed a handout on "What's in Tobacco" and "The harmful effects of smoking". Ms. Holt was able to discuss with the women that each year over 400,000 African-Americans died from smoking-related illnesses. Ms. Holt informed the participants on tobacco-related illness, diseases and death that affect our community. The participants

were able to gain a better insight on how to spread the knowledge of becoming a tobacco-free environment. Ms. Holt also had a booth display for viewers to become aware of the consequences from secondhand smoke, a list of ingredients found in tobacco products, and the effects from using chew tobacco by a display of Mr. Gross Mouth.



**WAKE UP LOUISIANA
SKILLS USA
FRIDAY, APRIL 20, 2012
SHREVEPORT, LA (CADDO PARISH)**

Regional Coordinator, Urina F. Holt displayed an exhibit on Second-hand Smoking, Mr. Gross Mouth, Tobacco Institution Hall of Shame, along with a list of harmful ingredients found in tobacco products to students that visited Southern University at Shreveport (Caddo Parish) to attend the annual Skills USA. Over 300 students from the Louisiana area were able to receive handouts and literature on causes and effects from the use of tobacco. Ms. Holt was able to discuss and answer questions from the students on the danger of using tobacco. Students interact in a discussion concerning poisonous ingredients found in common household products and also used in tobacco products. Many of the students were not aware of the dangerous ingredients found in tobacco. Ms. Holt enlighten the students with the help of the displays of some of the harmful effects that are caused from smoking cigarettes such as (Strokes, Osteoporosis, addiction to nicotine, gum disease, etc.)





THE SU MUSEUM OF ART SHREVEPORT PRESENTS

COLLECTION BY FOLK ARTIST ALVIN BATISTE

The Southern University Museum of Art at Shreveport is featuring the work of Donaldsonville folk artist. Alvin Batiste from the Museum's permanent collection. The work will be on exhibit from January 25-May 18, 2012.

Alvin Batiste, folk artist, was born March 16, 1962 to James and Lillian Little Batiste in Donaldsonville, Louisiana. Nurtured and encouraged by his mother, he began drawing at the age of three. In 1991, he began to seriously consider art after seeing a demonstrative painting show on public television. Batiste recalls, "I [saw paintings by] Michelangelo and Picasso on television, and that's when I knew what I wanted to do." Batiste proceeded to go to Rossie's Custom Framing shop on Railroad Avenue to purchase brushes, paints and canvases. Thus, began the career of one of Louisiana's most prolific folk artists. Over the past four years, Batiste has had numerous exhibitions in Baton Rouge, Houma and Thibodaux, and has sold paintings to art collectors and museums throughout the country and Europe. His work has been featured in two new books, *20th Century American Folk*, *Self Taught* and *Outside Art and Contemporary American Folk Art*.

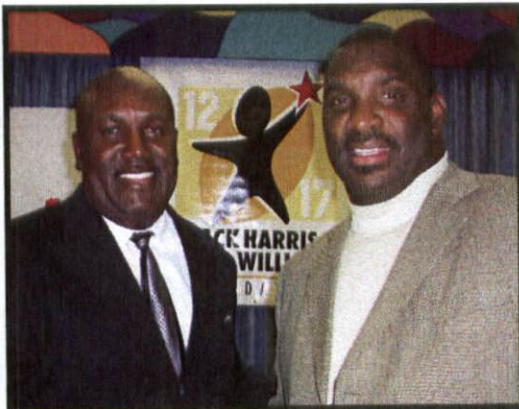
Almost daily, you can find Batiste in the front window at Rossie's painting with his perpetual friendly smile. Rossie's has turned into a kind of gallery with rows and rows of Alvin's paintings along with other dime-store merchandise.

A folk artist is usually self-taught, often making art late in life, whose works are tied to personal history and experiences, and does not use the formal conventions of art. These formal conventions include perspective, light and shadows, etc. Alvin Batiste seems to be a phenomenal young man, who paints in a small store in Donaldsonville, Louisiana. With this god-given talent the artist manages to create beautiful works that exhibit a technical mastery that contradicts the fact, that he has no formal training in painting. Batiste uses both historical topics and humorous incidents from African American folk life as subject matter in his paintings.

Batiste, like some folk artists such as Sarah Albritton, writes narratives on the back of his paintings. Storytelling is an important part of African American folk culture. These stories that are passed down from generation to generation are embellished and enhanced for the listener. Batiste stories involve history, folk tales and antidotes. Scenes such as *The Port Hudson Soldiers*, *Picking Pecans on Gay's Plantation*, and *The Baptism at the River* convey Batiste's unique vision of the history of his people.



Local Athletes Give Back



The Shack Harris & Doug Williams Foundation accepted applications for the organization's annual collegiate scholarship program for single mothers in northern Louisiana. All **applications** were evaluated by a Scholarship Selection Committee headed by Ms. Dottie Bell.

Scholarships were open to single mothers of any age or ethnicity who are entering their junior or senior year at a 4-year institution or are about to graduate from a 2-year institution. Applicants must be enrolled at one of the following colleges or universities: Grambling State University, Northwestern State University, Louisiana Tech University, Southern University Shreveport, Shreveport Bossier Parish Community College or Louisiana State University Shreveport. Applicants must submit a letter of recommendation from a collegiate advisor or administrator and a full college academic transcript (w/cumulative GPA). All applicants had to submit a 250-300 word essay about the topic:

"Why Education is Important to a Single Parent" and include personal experiences.

The Shack Harris & Doug Williams Foundation is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization founded by Grambling State University Tigers and NFL quarterback pioneers Pro Bowl MVP James "Shack" Harris and Super Bowl MVP Doug Williams. Since its inception in 2005, the Foundation has awarded more than \$400,000 in support of children and families in need for after-school initiatives, leadership development, mentoring programs and minority higher education assistance. The Foundation has also established the Black College Football Hall of Fame.



Students in Action

Spring Fest 2012 Activities



The theme of "**Swagger Fest**" set the tone for this year's spring fest. A hearty crowd gathered on the patio area of the Johnnie L. Vance Student Center (JLV) on **Tuesday, April 10th** for "**Turn Up Tuesday**" and enjoyed soft music, free food and designed their own Flop Flops. "Turn Up Tuesday" continued on at SUSLA's Got Talent Show hosted by Young Nisa 99.7 KMJJ radio Disc Jockey.

April 11 "Hump Out Wednesday"

Students Leaders attended a mandatory Leadership Seminar facilitated by Dr. Jennifer China. The purpose of the leadership seminar was to help our students fulfill their potential through effective leadership skills training in areas like team building, strategic planning, and decision making.

At high noon SUSLA's Student DJ Adrian Prior entertained the crowd. The students, faculty and staff had an opportunity to interact with one another outside the classroom in a fun environment and showcase their various talents.

April 12

The Department of Student Activities collaborated with the Office of Admissions & Recruitment at Senior Day. This is an annual day used to expose graduating seniors to the social and academic side of SUSLA through various activities and entertainment. This event was a success due to a record number of students and schools in attendance. The Department of Student Activities provided a learning experience which follows in the tradition of developing the "whole student" as well as functioning under the philosophy of "Educating While Entertaining".

At high noon the students, faculty and staff had an opportunity to interact with one another outside the classroom in a fun environment once again. In the patio area of the Johnny L. Vance Student Center they enjoyed snow cones, free food and the Bungee Run.

Later the same day, the Comedy Show was held in the Science Lecture Hall hosted by local Comedian Jeremy Jefferson. BET Comic View Comedian Lav Luv and Ms. B Plat entertained the crowd. Comedian Lav Luv, with his suave looks and debonair and no holds barred stage approach stole the show. LAV has become one of today's hottest young comedy commodities. His performances on three (3) seasons of Black Entertainment Television's "COMIC VIEW" still has viewers laughing and our students too. Comedian B Plat was great also. This bad girl brought it to the stage. She has been featured on numerous television shows such as "SHOWTIME AT THE APOLLO", Four (4) seasons of BET "COMIC VIEW". She is also a writer for ESPN THE MAGAZINE. Her busy schedule also finds her hosting several celebrity events such as the Russell Simmon's Phat Farm Fashion Show & Def Comedy Jam in Negril, Jamaica, FUBU International Okwaku Festival in Amsterdam and most recently she has acquired corporate sponsorship by Donyell Marshall's Triple D Productions.

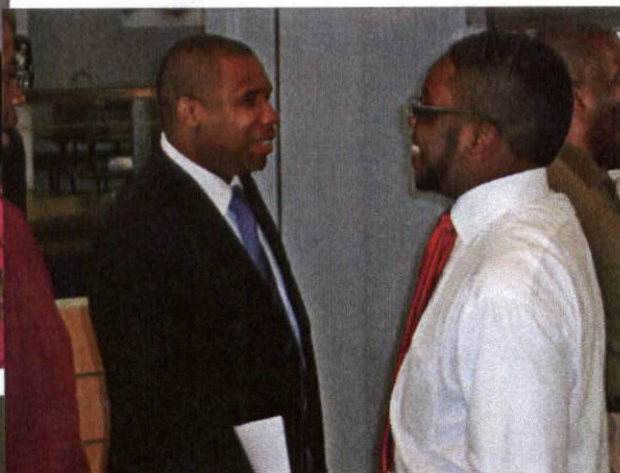
On **Friday, April 13** students faculty and staff gathered at the Physical Education Complex for the Annual Spring fest Bar-B-Q, fish fry and T-shirt giveaways.

The week concluded with the Step Show Hosted by Cosby's Keisha Knight Pulliam. The step show exposed the students to rhythm, dancing, and music. Local Greeks and non Greek from came from GSU, LSUS and the local Shreveport area. They kept the crowd hyped throughout the show. It was really something to watch.



SPRING FEST PICS

PRAYER BREAKFAST



MORE PICS FROM SPRING FEST 2012.....



SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY AT SHREVEPORT UPSTAGE DRAMA TROUPE IN
CONJUNCTION WITH SHREVEPORT REGIONAL ARTS COUNCIL -PRESENTS-

The Color Purple

The Musical about Love.

FRIDAY, APRIL 20, 2012 @ 7 PM



SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY HEALTH & PHYSICAL COMPLEX

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"THE COLOR PURPLE" – described as "the musical about love" – was Musical Theatre at its best! Adapted from Alice Walker's 1983 PULITZER PRIZE winning novel, the musical is faithful in spirit to the 1985 film adaptation by STEVEN SPIELBERG. This soul-stirring musical was presented by the Southern University Upstage Drama Troupe on April 20, 2012 at 7 p.m. The play featured students from the Broadmoor Middle School Theatre Department. The Broadmoor students opened Act II of the show by performing the most famous African Scene when Celie discovers that Nettie is still "Alive, Alive". The event was held in the SUSLA Health & Physical Education complex.

Carneta Cooper, SUSLA Theatre Instructor, was the Artistic Director for the play and Jevette Meeks, English Instructor at Broadmoor Middle School, was the drama liaison.

Great Job !

WATCH FOR THIS !

SUSF Gentlemen's Cooking Classic, June 23

The Southern University Shreveport foundation's 13th Annual Gentlemen's Cooking Classic is set for June 23, 2012 from 6pm—9pm at the Shreveport convention Center

The 2012 event to raise funds for the SUSLA Scholarship Fund is sponsored by Brookshire's Food & Pharmacy Sponsors. The event has a new location and new category. Tickets will be on sale at the Cashier's window at SUSLA or the SUS Foundation Office at 610 Texas Street, Suite 400, Shreveport, La 71101.

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Sponsors the 13th Annual
Gentlemen's Cooking Classic
Stirrin' Things Up!
Southern Style

Saturday, June 23, 2012
Shreveport Convention Center
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm



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

May 2012

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

NAME OF CHANCELLOR: *FREDDIE PITCHER, JR.*

CAMPUS: *SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER*

DATE: *MAY 2012*

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Commencement

Chancellor Freddie Pitcher, Jr. announced more than 130 received the JD at the 2012 Commencement, May 12. The Chancellor said, "Again we have produced a bumper crop of young legal advocates, fulfilling the Law School's unique mission and purpose to provide a distinctive educational opportunity for students of diverse racial, ethnic, academic and economic backgrounds, to act on behalf of our unrepresented and under-represented racial, ethnic and economic groups."

Congressman Cedric Richmond of Louisiana's 2nd Congressional District delivered the commencement address.

The graduates were:

Clifton Addison, Tallahassee, Florida
Paul B. Arceneaux, Thibodaux, Louisiana
Jeremy C. L. Babers, Shreveport, Louisiana
+Dorian Bailey, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
Donecia Banks-Miley, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
Christopher A. Barcelona, Marrero, Louisiana
Paul John Barker, Lockport, Louisiana
Brittany Danyel Barrios, Thibodaux, Louisiana
Jeremy Austin Bazile, Alexandria, Louisiana
Mary Katherine Beard, Leesville, Louisiana
Brittany E. Bell, Lake Charles, Louisiana
Chelvis Lamar Bell, Atlanta, Georgia
Jason L. Benford, Beaumont, Texas
Claire Elizabeth Bergeron, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
+Matthew B. Billiodeaux, Opelousas, Louisiana
Cory Bryan Blunk, Amite, Louisiana
++ Quentin Gerard Booker, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
Jerry Boone, IV, Houston, Texas
Ashlee Danielle Boswell, Montgomery, Alabama
Brandon Michael Bourque, Gonzales, Louisiana
Alfred Frem Boustany, III, Lafayette, Louisiana
+Casandra M. Boyd, Hammond, Louisiana
William Arthur Brightwell, IV, Shreveport, Louisiana

+Jake D. Buford, Shreveport, Louisiana
++ Paul D. Wesley Burchfield, Brownsville, Texas
Michael G. Busch, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
Anna Katherine Campbell, Shreveport, Louisiana
+James Anthony Caruso, Jr., Lafayette, Louisiana
++ Victor Hugo A. Castagneto, Zachary, Louisiana
Pretial B. Caston, Antioch, Tennessee
Carlin Laine Chambliss, Baker, Louisiana
Jamaal M. Chatman, Denmark, Tennessee
Tiffany Michelle Clark, Birmingham, Alabama
Candace Alexas Clear, Memphis, Tennessee
Mykell Erin Clem, New Orleans, Louisiana
Ashley Amaris Conish, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
Jessica Lynn Cook, Robert, Louisiana
+Benny D. Council, Slidell, Louisiana
++Karlus L. A. Cozart, II, Papillion, Nebraska
+Lori Melinda Crawford, Atlanta, Georgia
Matthew J. Crotty, Alexandria, Louisiana
Ashley Layne Cutler, Monroe, Louisiana
Lauren Alexandria Dantzler, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
Nicholas William D'Aquila, St. Francisville, Louisiana
Christopher R. Dassau, Shreveport, Louisiana
Virag Jyotiprakash Dave, Apopka, Florida

Matthew James Davis, Denham Springs, Louisiana
 Kelly Vicknair Delbasto, Gramercy, Louisiana
 Zachary John Delerno, Metairie, Louisiana
 Ariel Dixon, Stone Mountain, Georgia
 Jenny Donaghey-Beckham, Lakeland, Louisiana
 Aaron C. Thomas Dutsch, Bush, Louisiana
 Megan Marie Early, Greer, South Carolina
 Miya Cherie Edwards, Tupelo, Mississippi
 Stephen R. Edwards, Jr., Baton Rouge, Louisiana
 +Sabrina Marie Effron, Marrero, Louisiana
 Ronnie Jared Evans, Bermuda, Louisiana
 Ariyal Janel Fabre, Covington, Louisiana
 ++Campbell B. Fetzer, Jr., New Orleans, Louisiana
 Charles S. Feucht, Eunice, Louisiana
 +Nathan Joseph Folse, Jr., Baton Rouge, Louisiana
 Matthew VanBuren Freeman, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
 LaKayla Joyce Fridie, Tomball, Texas
 Jammie L. Garrett, Hazelhurst, Mississippi
 +Jeremy Ryan Gathe, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
 Bethany Allen Gautreaux, Walker, Louisiana
 Milton Charles Green, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
 Amanda Kay Kinchen Gros, Tickfaw, Louisiana
 Elizabeth P. Grozinger, Shreveport, Louisiana
 Carla Ann Guillory, Elton, Louisiana
 Meredith Abrusley Guillory, Oakdale, Louisiana
 Sawyer Elizabeth Halbrook, Pineville, Louisiana
 Nicholas Anderson Hall, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
 ++Tiffany Suzanne Hanna, Ponchatoula, Louisiana
 Jenna Marie Harris, Lafayette, Louisiana
 Richard Peter Harrison, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
 Markita Shaunte' Hawkins, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
 Lanzi Elisabeth Helms, New Iberia, Louisiana
 Amanda Kay Henderson, Chatham, Louisiana
 Jasmine J. C. Henderson, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
 Mary Vallon Hicks, Shreveport, Louisiana
 Kristen Michelle Howard, Birmingham, Alabama
 +Natoria Deniese Hubbard, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
 L'eNina Denisa Hurdle, Wesley Chapel, Florida
 Margo Catherine Huval, Duson, Louisiana
 Udeme Nsidibe Ikpe, Miami, Florida
 Hide Inga, W. Hartford, Connecticut
 Clinton P. Jackson, Brooklyn, New York
 Jeray Michele Jambon, Larose, Louisiana
 Krystal L. Jenkins-Hagler, Villa Park, Illinois
 Garrett Michael Joffrion, Prairieville, Louisiana
 Chrishauna Lanise Johnson, Chino, California
 John Roger Johnson, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
 Duncan McRae Jones, Mer Rouge, Louisiana
 Jonathan Glynn Jordan, New Iberia, Louisiana
 Leslie Joseph, Jr., Thibodaux, Louisiana
 Steven Knight, Zachary, Louisiana
 ++Millini M. Knox, Addis, Louisiana
 ++Adam Joseph Koenig, Gramercy, Louisiana
 Tawa O. Kukoyi, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
 Morgan P. Lamandre, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
 Kimberly Hardy LaMotte, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
 +Lisha Charlene Landry, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
 +Christopher B. Lear, Lacombe, Louisiana
 Douglas Anthony Lee, II, Scott, Louisiana
 Erik A. Lemons, West Orange, New Jersey
 Shermarial A. Levine, Lauderhill, Florida

Hollis Lewis, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
 +Amanda L. Liotto, Prairieville, Louisiana
 Kourtnei R. Mason, Monroe, Louisiana
 Ressa Ariel McBride, Shawnee, Kansas
 +Terry L. McGlothen, Opelousas, Louisiana
 +Lekiesha James McKarry, Geismar, Louisiana
 +Saxson Jubrill McKnight, Kingstree, South Carolina
 Harold Donell McLendon, Jr., Dublin, Georgia
 Janna Lynn Messina, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
 Victoria Philicia Minor, St. Francisville, Louisiana
 Josie Monconduit, New Orleans, Louisiana
 Aaron August Moore, Sterlington, Louisiana
 Michael Ackal Moreau, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
 Cory Allen Morgan, Naples, Florida
 Courtney Elizabeth Myers, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
 Paolo Newman, Atlanta, Georgia
 Christopher Joel Norris, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
 +Ejenenorb NChor Okorn, New Orleans, Louisiana
 James Lewis Oliver, III, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
 Amber L. Owens, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
 Allison Elise Paige, Alexandria, Louisiana
 Diamond Everlean Paten, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
 Cleveland Martin Patterson, III, Mobile, Alabama
 ++Julius Pearson, Gibsland, Louisiana
 Matthew Ian Percy, Gonzales, Louisiana
 Shanita LaShay Pettaway, Mobile, Alabama
 Ashley Wayne Phillips, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
 Toussaint Renaldo Pierre, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
 Yesha Myrick Pittman, Atlanta, Georgia
 Kelly DeJean Porter, New Iberia, Louisiana
 ++Shakira Jamilah Pumphrey, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
 Louisiana
 ++Robin Raasch, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
 +Adrienne Danielle Rachel, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
 +Wendy Ramnarine, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
 Tiffany L. Ratliff, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
 Brandon Timothy Reed, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
 Harold Jacob Rideau, Baker, Louisiana
 Joshua David Roy, Greenwell Springs, Louisiana
 Brooke Lobrano Ruffin, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
 Blake Edward Ryland, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
 Roya Renee Sadreddini, Lafayette, Louisiana
 Sy E. Savoy, St. Martinville, Louisiana
 ++Linda Lagarde Scaife, Covington, Louisiana
 +Clinton Bradley Schexnayder, Houma, Louisiana
 Dyan Schnaars, Breaux Bridge, Louisiana
 +Terrence Jamal Senegal, Rayne, Louisiana
 +Brady Skinner, III, New Orleans, Louisiana
 Ashley Yolanda Smith, Miami, Florida
 O'Dell W. Smith, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
 Sarah Margaret Smith, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
 Crie M. Spears-DeLeo, Alexandria, Louisiana
 Samuel James Spurgeon, Alexandria, Louisiana
 Scott Christopher Stansbury, Harahan, Louisiana
 Laura Kristin Tamblin, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
 +Omar Taylor, Altadena, California
 Candace D. Thorn, Hammond, Louisiana
 Jarius Treadway, Monroe, Louisiana
 Katie Dupuis Tullier, Lafayette, Louisiana
 Brittani Alexandria Ware, Baker, Louisiana
 Christopher Bennett White, Humble, Texas
 Mark K. White, Monroe, Louisiana

Tiffany Nicole Wiley, Effie, Louisiana
Adrianna Jacenta Williams, LaPlace, Louisiana
Kirschelle Faith Williams, New Orleans, Louisiana
+Sholone A. Williams, Austin, Texas
Valeria Celeste Williams, Cottonport, Louisiana
+David Wilson, IV, Winter Haven, Florida
Ray L. Wood, Port Allen, Louisiana

+Lana Marie Woods, Covington, Louisiana
Clare Lauren Wyatt, Lafayette, Louisiana

+ Fall 2011 ++ Summer 2012

2011-2012 Speakers Series Closing Lecture



The 2011-2012 Speakers Series closed with a lecture by Barrister Courtenay Griffiths, QC, of London, England, who discussed his representation of Charles Taylor, former Liberian president, in International Criminal Court and more, on March 27. Pictured in top photo from left are Speakers Series Committee Chair Stanley Halpin, Prof. Shenequa Grey, Barrister Griffiths, and Chancellor Pitcher. Area attorneys, law faculty, and students were invited to meet Barrister Griffiths at a reception at the Camelot Club, March 28 to discuss international criminal law and opportunities for practicing law abroad. In second photo, pictured from left, SULC Chancellor Freddie Pitcher, Jr.; Barrister Courtenay Griffiths, QC, of London, England; SULC Prof. Gail Stephenson, President of the Baton Rouge Bar Association; and SULC alum Michael Tyler, President of the Louis A. Martinet Legal Society.

Highlights of A Successful 2012 Alumni Round-Up

This year's Alumni Round-Up was a success, making a powerful statement about SULC alumni engagement in corporate diversity, public interest law, leadership in the legislative branch of government, and the judiciary. The following pictorial highlights capture the significance of where an SULC degree can take you.



The 2012 Hall of Fame Inductees were recognized during the Southern University Law Center's Annual Alumni Round-Up Hall of Fame dinner Friday, April 13, at the Renaissance Baton Rouge Hotel. Pictured from left: Chancellor Freddie Pitcher, Jr., congratulates inductees Louisiana State Senator Richard J. "Rick" Gallot, Jr., '90, of Grambling, Louisiana; Claire Babineaux-Fontenot, '89, senior vice president and chief tax officer for Wal-Mart Stores, Bentonville, Arkansas; City Court Judge Judi Abrusley, '96, of Oakdale, Louisiana; Dwayne M. Murray, '87, a hearing officer for the United States Bankruptcy Court, Middle District of Louisiana, Baton Rouge; Timothy W. Hardy, '81, partner at Roedel Parson Koch Blache Balhoff and McCollister, Baton Rouge; and Terrebonne Parish District Attorney Joseph Waitz, Jr., '86, of Houma, Louisiana.



The 2012 Distinguished Alumni Reception on the Terrace of the Shaw Center for the Arts— Honorees with Chancellor Pitcher, at left, and master of ceremony Scotty Chabert, at right, District Attorney Richard Z. Johnson, Jr. '88, Mansfield, Louisiana; Debra Page group vice president, associate general counsel for Macy's Inc., in Atlanta, Georgia; East Baton Rouge Parish Family Court Judge Lisa Woodruff-White, '89, of Baton Rouge; and Alexandria, Louisiana, attorney Eugene P. Cicardo, Jr., '82, Magistrate of the Town of Lecompte.



Inaugural Corporate Diversity Symposium Presents Diversity Award-

-Chancellor Pitcher congratulates first Diversity Award recipient Marcus Brown, Entergy, Inc., New Orleans.

2012 Alumni Round-Up Photos



Second Installation of Judicial Wall of Fame--Pictured from left are Judge Michael R. Erwin, 19th Judicial District Court; Judge Alonzo Harris, 27th Judicial District Court; Judge Vanessa Harris, Opelousas City Court; Judge Houston Patton, Hinds County Court, Mississippi; and Judge Zorraine "Zoey" Waguespack, 21st Judicial District Court.



Corporate Diversity Symposium—

From left: program chair, Todd S. Manuel; Chancellor Pitcher; keynote speaker Claire Babineaux-Fontenot; and program Vice Chair, Vice Chancellor Russell L. Jones.

From left: panelists Jade Brown Russell, Caesar's Entertainment, New Orleans; Debra Page Coleman, Macy's, Inc., Atlanta, Georgia; Endya E. Delpit, ExxonMobil Corporation, Houston, Texas; moderator Pamela W. Carter, Carter Law Group, LLC, New Orleans, and panelist, Antonio D. Robinson, Carter's, Inc., Atlanta, Georgia.





From left, panelists: Marcus V. Brown, Entergy, Inc., New Orleans; Todd Manuel, Taylor, Porter, Brooks & Phillips, Baton Rouge; Monica F. Azare, Verizon Communications, New York, New York; Monica B. Mason, John Deere, Washington, D.C.; Timothy W. Hardy, Roedel Parsons Blache Balhoff & McCollister, Baton Rouge; and Gary L. Armstead, II, Arcadis U.S., Inc., Highlands Ranch, Colorado. Moderator: Jason M. Stein, Jackson Lewis, New Orleans, not pictured.



From left: moderator Frederick J. Barrow, Littler Mendelson, PC, Dallas, Texas; and panelists Judge Pro Tempore Chauntis T. Jenkins, Civil District Court, Orleans Parish; Judge Penelope Q. Richard, 38th Judicial District Court, Cameron Parish, Louisiana; and Shelton Dennis Blunt, Phelps Dunbar, LLP, Baton Rouge.

Corporate Diversity Student and Alumni Reception and “Day in the Life of A Corporate Attorney” Presentation Held April 11



Phelps Dunbar, LLP sponsored the Corporate Diversity Student and Alumni Reception, April 11, as part of the 2012 SULC Alumni Roundup Weekend. Preceding the reception, the Office of Career Services hosted “A Day in the Life of a Corporate Attorney,” a presentation featuring Monica Mason, ‘99, founder and CEO of the Diverse In-House Counsel Network. Mason (second from right), is in-house counsel with John Deere, Inc., Moline, Illinois.



Networking Facilitated at Reception--Students chat with Mason following her presentation.



Monica Mason, '99, founder and CEO of the Diverse In-House Counsel Network, makes a presentation, April 11, to students on "A Day in the Life of a Corporate Attorney."

BRBA's Junior Partners Academy Meets At SULC



Law students volunteer to encourage learning of third and fourth graders—Picture in front row, from left: Harry Cradic, Sharee McCall, Jordan Bollinger, Brittany Bass, Bethany Blackson, and Yi Liu; middle row, from left: Markita Hawkins, Amelia Colomb, Tierany Williams, Alonzo Jackson, Ebony Martin, Heather Duhon, Courtney Richardson; and back row, from left: Brandon Brisco.

Seventy third and fourth graders from Dalton Elementary School visited SULC on March 30, as part of the programming for the Baton Rouge Bar Association's Junior Partners Academy. SULC students Brittany Bass, Merrick Cosey, Heather Duhon, Trenika Fields, Ebony Morris, and Courtney Richardson organized the day's activities.

During their visit, the students visited a "Three-Ring Circus" where they acted as members of the legislative, executive, and judicial branches of government and passed a "law" for their classrooms. They also tried the case of *Bears v. Gold E. Locks* in the Moot Courtroom.

SULC students who worked with the Dalton students during their visit were Danielle Barringer, Bethany Blackson, Taryn Branson, Brandon Brisco, Jordan Bolinger, Amelia Colomb, Harry Cradic, Shelvia Grant, Markita Hawkins, Alonzo Jackson, Angel Jenkins, Skyla Johnson, Ebony Martin, Sharee McCall, Andrew Murphy, Ashley Ogonna, Amber Owens, Stanley Settle, Adrianne Stall, Jerne Theriot, Brittani Ware, Tierani Williams, LaShanda Willis, and Chauntelle Wood.

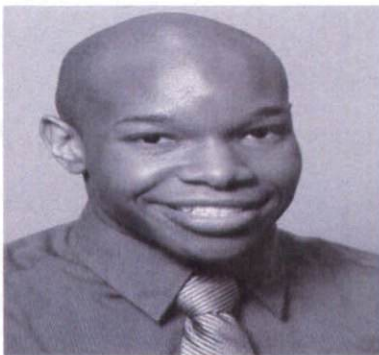
Ruth Bailey Wesley, Executive Assistant to the Chancellor and Prof. Wendy Shea also helped organize and plan the visit.



Law student Markita Hawkins (top) helps JPA students during their visit to SULC.

Students Continue Achievements

Student to Receive 2012 LSBA Law Student Award



Jason Benford will receive the 2012 Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) Law Student Award for his pro bono service this year.

The awards ceremony will be held at 5 p.m. Tuesday, May 29, at the Louisiana Supreme Court, 400 Royal Street, New Orleans.

Benford will be accompanied by Professor Donald North, who nominated him for the award.

Second-year student Sherry Sanders' article "Privacy Is Dead: The Birth of Social Media Background Checks," has made the Social Science Research Network (SSRN) top ten list in numerous categories, including Employee Selection Process, Human Resource Management & Organizational Behavior eJournal, Employment Contract Law, Information Privacy Law eJournal, Employment, Labor, Compensation & Pension Law eJournal and the Employment Law eJournal. Sanders' article has also been listed on the Media Law Prof Blog and is listed under "Most Topular [sic] Stories" on the Media-Law Alltop website.

Student's Work Published

Cleveland Patterson's article in "Officially Speaking" was published in the April 2012 issue of ABA Student Lawyer Magazine. Patterson is an ABA/Law Student Division Delegate to the ABA House of Delegates. View this article online at: http://www.americanbar.org/publications/student_lawyer/2011-12/april2012/officially_speaking.html

On the Go

Professor Gail S. Stephenson, president of the Baton Rouge Bar Association, welcomed attendees at the opening ceremony of the Baton Rouge Bar Foundation Law Day, Friday, April 27, at the Baton Rouge River Center Theatre. Lt. Gen. Russell L. Honore was the keynote speaker on the theme honoring the Louisiana Bicentennial. Law Day video, essay, and poster contest winners received awards and a naturalization ceremony was held during the opening session.

Approximately 1,000 middle and high school students and their teachers attended the ceremony. They also attended mock trials held at the Baton Rouge City Court and the 19th Judicial District Court. Professors Stephenson and Regina James served as moderators for the courtroom sessions.

Professor Maurice Franks testified before the Louisiana House Committee on Criminal Justice and the Louisiana Senate in favor of a bill (S.B.303) to strengthen the right to keep and bear arms in Louisiana. The bill seeks to amend the Louisiana Constitution.

If approved by the House of Representatives, the constitutional amendment will be voted upon by the people in the November general election.

Rachel L. Emanuel, director of communications and development support, has been appointed by Justice Bernette Joshua Johnson to a three-year term as a board member of the Supreme Court of Louisiana Historical Society. The Society's purpose is to promote an interest in and understanding of the people and institutions which contributed to the development of Louisiana law.

Alumni News

***Vanessa Caston LaFleur, '93**, of Baton Rouge was recently elected to the Louisiana Board of Ethics. LaFleur, elected by the Louisiana House of Representatives, will serve a five year term.*

***Phebe Poydras, '95**, has accepted a position as associate dean of library affairs at Indiana Institute of Technology School of Law, a new law school in Indiana, effective July 9. Poydras is director of the law library and assistant professor of law at Florida A&M University College of Law.*

***Anthony M. Brown, '10**, assistant prosecuting attorney of the Taney County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, recently argued before the Missouri Supreme Court in *State ex rel. Valentine v. Hon. Mark Orr* (Case No. SC92434). Brown represented Judge Orr on behalf of the Taney County Prosecuting Attorney's Office. The case involves Missouri's "Sex Offender Assessment Unit" and first impression. A recording of oral arguments will soon be available through <http://www.courts.mo.gov/>.*

IN MEMORIUM

Funeral Services Held for Former Law Student of the 1960 Baton Rouge Sit-In

Funeral mass was celebrated at 11 a.m. Friday, May 4, for former Southern University law school student John Burrell Garner, one of the participants in the 1960 Baton Rouge sit-ins, who passed Friday, April 20, in New Orleans. Services were held at St. Augustine Catholic Church, New Roads, Louisiana, with burial in the church cemetery.

Garner and university undergraduate Vernon Jordan of Baton Rouge sat in at Sitman's Drugstore on March 29, 1960. The two SU students and 14 others who participated in sit-ins at S. H. Kress Department Store and the Greyhound Bus Station, March 28-29, were arrested for "disturbing the peace." The students were tried and convicted in the 19th Judicial District

Court in Baton Rouge, represented by attorney Johnnie Jones, Sr., of Baton Rouge. Their cases were appealed by NAACP attorney Alexander Pierre Tureaud of New Orleans and resulted in the first sit-in case to be heard and decided by the U.S. Supreme Court.

*The Court's 1961 ruling in *Garner v. Louisiana*, No. 26; *Briscoe v. Louisiana*, No. 27, and *Hoston v. Louisiana*, No. 28, overturned the students' convictions and contributed to the end of racial segregation at public facilities throughout the nation.*

Former SU student leader Fred Prejean of Lafayette, Louisiana states, "Brother Burrell will be in my prayers and will be remembered as a man of courage and conviction. His spirit will continue to walk this earth and challenge all that threaten the God given freedom of man. Long live the spirit of the brave."

In 2004, Garner was awarded an honorary law degree by the Southern University Law Center along with the other former law students involved in the 1960 sit-ins, John W. Johnson, Judge Kenneth Lavon Johnson, and Donald Moss.

Special Problems

None

Significant Administrative or Policy Changes

None