

# **SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**(Following the Student Affairs Committee)**

Friday, April 26, 2013

Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, J.S. Clark Administration Building  
Southern University and A & M College  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70813

## **AGENDA**

1. Call to Order and Invocation
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of the Agenda
4. Public Comments
5. Special Recognitions
  - A. Board - Mr. Calvin W. Braxton, Sr.
  - B. SU Alumni Affairs
  - C. SU Ag Center
  - D. SUBR
6. Action Items
  - A. Minutes of the March 22, 2013 regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors
  - B. Committee Reports and Recommendations
    - 1.) Academic Affairs Committee
    - 2.) Athletics Committee
    - 3.) Facilities and Property Committee
    - 4.) Finance and Audit Committee
    - 5.) Governance Committee
    - 6.) Personnel Affairs Committee
    - 7.) SU Laboratory School Committee
    - 8.) Student Affairs Committee
  - C. Resolutions
  - D. Invitation to President Barack Obama to visit a campus of Southern University (Lawson)

- E. To allow the Executive Assistant/Director to the Board of Supervisors to occupy (use) at least one of the Board's two offices to conduct the normal daily functions of the Board of Supervisors (Clayton and Lawson)
- F. Pastors' Faith Based Scholarship Criteria (Gant and Tolbert)

7. Informational Items

- A. System President's Report
- B. Campus Reports
- C. Discussion regarding S.U. System Transformation Plan (Braxton and Lawson)

8. Other Business

9. Adjournment

**SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Friday, March 22, 2013  
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 Chairwoman, Atty. Bridget A. Dinvaut. The invocation was given by Rev. Ronald Sutton.

**Present**

Atty. Bridget A. Dinvaut, Chairwoman  
Rev. Joe R. Gant, Jr., - Chairman  
Atty. Murphy F. Bell, Jr.  
Mr. Calvin W. Braxton, Sr.  
Atty. Tony M. Clayton  
Atty. Walter C. Dumas  
Mr. Raymond M. Fondel, Jr.  
Ms. LaKeisha A. Ford  
Mr. Willie E. Hendricks  
Dr. Eamon M. Kelly  
Mr. Myron K. Lawson  
Mr. Darren G. Mire  
Mr. Mike A. Small  
Mrs. Ann A. Smith  
Dr. Leon R. Tarver II

**Absent**

Rev. Samuel C. Tolbert, Jr.

**University Personnel Attending**

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

**Board Counsel**

Attys. Winston DeCuir, Jr. and Tracie Woods

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

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

Motion carried unanimously.

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

Concerns relative to the validity of the contract between the Southern University System and EO Serve were rendered by the individuals listed below:

- Dr. Thomas Miller, SUBR Faculty Senate President
- Dr. Diola Bagayoko, SUBR Physics Professor
- Dr. Alvin Bopp, SUNO Faculty Senate Vice President

#### **AGENDA ITEM 5: SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS**

**Special recognition was given to the following --**

- Board Members Eamon Kelly and Joe R. Gant, Jr. - financial contributions to Southern University.
- SUBR Band Director Lawrence Jackson and the Marching Band -- participation in the 2013 Mardi Gras Parade in Tangipahoa Parish.
- SUBR's Men Basketball Team -- winners of the 2012-13 SWAC Championship and performance in the NCAA Tournament
- Dr. Sandra Brown (SUBR) -- recipient of the Nursing Educator of the Year Award from the Louisiana State Nurses Association and the Louisiana Nurses Foundation

The Algiers Charter School Association, under the leadership of Mr. Adrian Morgan was recognized for entering into an agreement with SUNO to launch a Westbank College at L.B. Landry Education Complex.

Dr. Benjamin Chavis, CEO of EO Serve, gave remarks in support of the online class offerings via the SU System's contract with EO Serve. He also announced that the company will expand its outreach to military veterans and will work with Southern University to expedite the processing of student financial aid awards.

**AGENDA ITEM 6: ACTION ITEMS**

**Agenda Item 6A. Minutes of the February 15, 2013 regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors**

On motion of Dr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Mire,

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the minutes of the February 15, 2013 regular meeting of the Board, be and they are hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Agenda Item 6B. Reports and Recommendations of Standing and Special Committees**

On motion of Atty. Clayton, seconded by Rev. Gant, the following resolutions were approved.

Motion carried.

**ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee, that the proposed B.S. Degree in Forensic Science Program at Southern University at New Orleans be and it is hereby approved.

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**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee, that the Administration's recommendation to terminate the two Academic Programs listed below at Southern University – Shreveport be and it is hereby approved.

- Associate of Applied Science in Event Management
- Certificate of Technical Studies in Fire Management

**FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE**

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee, that the design and construction of Intramural Fields for student recreational sports at Southern University at New Orleans (SUNO) be and they are hereby approved.

- Football/Soccer
- Walking/Running Tracks
- Baseball Diamond

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**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee, that the design and construction of an Intramural Field and a Surface Track for student recreational sports at Southern University at Shreveport (SUSLA) be and they are hereby approved.

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**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University upon the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee, that Southern University at Shreveport be and it is hereby authorized to enter into a lease to support faculty, staff, and student parking at a municipal parking lot owned by the City of Shreveport. The lease has an initial term of one year with a lease payment of ten dollars (\$10.00) annually.

**FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE**

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Finance and Audit Committee, that the 10% increase in student tuition, by campus, effective Fall 2013, per the LA GRAD Act, be and it is hereby approved.

**PERSONNEL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Personnel Affairs Committee, that the continued appointment of Dr. Doze Y. Butler as Interim Dean of Graduate Studies at Southern University –Baton Rouge, effective February 1, 2013 – May 17, 2013 at annual pro-rated salary of \$105,000, be and it is hereby approved.

Rev Gant voted nay.

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**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Personnel Affairs Committee, that the medical (sick) leave of absence, with pay, for Dr. Cheryl Miller, Associate Professor of Social Work at Southern University at New Orleans, effective January 2013 – May 13, 2013, be and it is hereby approved.

**INTERNAL AUDIT COMMITTEE**

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Internal Audit Committee, that the revised reporting structure for the SU Internal Audit function be and it is hereby approved.

The revised function reflects that the Internal Audit Divisions reports administratively to the System President and functionally to the Chair of the Board's Internal Audit function.

**RECRUITING and ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE**

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

**Agenda Item 6C. Reappointment of Board Representative on the Louisiana Student Financial Assistance Committee**

On motion of Rev. Gant, seconded by Atty. Clayton,

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the re-appointment of Mr. Myron K. Lawson as Board Representative on the LA Student Financial Assistance Commission and La. Trust Authority be and it is hereby approved.

Motion carried. Mr. Lawson abstained.

**Agenda Item 6D. Proposed Revisions to Board's Educational Assistance Scholarship (Dinvaut)**

On motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Rev. Gant, this item was referred to the Governance Committee for review and recommendation.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Agenda Item 6E. Resolutions**

On motion of Rev. Gant, seconded by Mr. Mire,

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors that resolution of commendations be and they are hereby extended to the individuals named below:

- Rev. Samuel C. Tolbert, Jr.
- Coach Roman Banks and the SUBR Men's Basketball Team
- SUNO Women's Basketball Team

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

- Atty. Margaret Evans



- Mr. James Johnson
- Mr. Donald L. Irvin
- Mr. Warren A. Hines
- Ms. Judy Manogin

## **AGENDA ITEM 7: INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

### **A. System President**

In addition to the System's written report submitted to the Board, the President asked Ms. Michelle Hill, Director of Recruitment, to make a presentation regarding SUBR's online recruitment program. Highlights of her report and comments from the Board and administration follow:

#### **-Online programs Implementation**

- Executive MPA Program – August 2012
- Criminal Justice Program – January 2013
- Nine new online programs anticipated

#### **-Goals and Expected Outcomes**

- Rebrand the University
- Increase Student Enrollment
- Increase Financial Assistance to Students
- Increase Student Retention rate to 90% of students admitted

-33 students have been admitted online; 22 were billable

-40 additional students were admitted in May 2013

-EO Serve is assisting the University in addressing items that need to be corrected.

-Biggest challenge to building online capacity is the inability of adult learners to meet the admissions requirement. In the alternative, these students are able to go online to take basic courses via the SUBR's Bridge Programs with SUSLA.

-Meetings have been held between EO Serve and Academic Deans and Chairs who are interested in teaching online classes.

-Academic Departments receive a share of the revenues generated through their online classes

**B. Campus Reports**

Monthly updates were given by the campus Chancellors. Details are on tape.

**AGENDA ITEM 8: OTHER BUSINESS**

Atty. Clayton invited members of the Board, Administration and those in the Audience to his home in Oscar, LA on March 24 at 4:00 p.m.

State Senator Mary Landrieu will be the special guest.

**AGENDA ITEM 9: ADJOURNMENT**

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

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## **Facilities and Property Committee**

1:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 21, 2013

J.S. Clark Administration Building  
Southern University and A & M College  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

### **Minutes**

The meeting of the Facilities and Property Committee of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by the Chairman, Atty. Walter C. Dumas. The invocation was given by Mr. Montrell McCaleb.

#### **Present**

Atty. Walter C. Dumas, Chair  
Mrs. Ann A. Smith, Vice Chair  
Atty. Murphy F. Bell, Jr.  
Mr. Willie E. Hendricks  
Mr. Darren G. Mire  
Dr. Leon R. Tarver II  
Atty. Bridget A. Dinvaut, Ex Officio

#### **Absent**

Rev. Joe R. Gant, Jr.  
Rev. Samuel C. Tolbert, Jr.

#### **University Personnel Attending**

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

#### **Board Counsel**

Attys. Winston DeCuir, Jr. and Tracie Woods

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

On motion of Rev. Gant, seconded by Mrs. Smith, the agenda was adopted, as printed.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

None

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

A. Design and Construction of Intramural Athletic Fields, SUNO

On motion of Dr. Tarver, seconded by Mrs. Smith, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, the design and construction project for Intramural Athletic Fields at SUNO.

**B. Design and Construction of Intramural Field and Surface Track, SUSLA**

On motion of Mrs. Smith, seconded by Dr. Tarver, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, the design and construction project for the Intramural Field and Surface Track at SUSLA.

**C. Lease of Parking Spaces, SUSLA**

On motion of Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mr. Hendricks, the Committee recommends to the Board, that SUSLA be authorized to enter into a lease to support Faculty/Staff and student parking on a municipal parking lot owned by the City of Shreveport. The lease has an initial term of one year with an annual lease payment of ten dollars (\$10.00).

Motion carried unanimously.

The lease will provide over 250 spaces for parking at the Metro Center in downtown Shreveport.

**AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS**

**A. Priority Capital Projects Updates, by Campuses**

Mr. Endas Vincent provided a status report on capital projects on each campus.

He announced the bid and construction completion dates for the following projects at SUBR.

- Demolition of four (4) dormitories
- Baseball Support Facility
- University Place

A full report of all projects is included in the document that was placed online.

**B. Presentation on Modular Building Construction, SUNO**

The Committee was advised of SUNO's plan to construct temporary facilities on the Lake and Park Campuses in order to provide space for classroom, offices, multi-purposes, storage, and restrooms.

Mr. Michael Bollero, representative of Modular Space, the Modular General Contractor, tendered a video presentation which depicted the SUNO project description and renderings.

The expected project completion date is by the end of September 2013.

**AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS**

A. Campus Tour

The Committee recessed its meeting to tour the Baton Rouge Campus facilities.

**MEETING RECONVENED**

The meeting of the Committee was reconvened. A roll call established the presence of a quorum: 7 present: Dumas, Smith, Bell, Hendricks, Mire, Tarver, and Dinvaut; 2 absent: Gant and Tolbert.

Atty. Dumas announced that the Committee's tour of the Baton Rouge campus facilities had been very informative. He thanked the members of the Administration for their efforts in arranging the tour.

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Atty. Tony M. Clayton registered his dissatisfaction with the recent action of the Board Chair to remove the Board's Executive Assistant from her present office location. On the advice of fellow Board members, Atty. Clayton agreed to bring the matter before the full Board at its meeting on the following day.

**AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Dr. Tarver, the meeting was adjourned.

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## **Legal Affairs Committee**

Thursday, March 21, 2013  
J.S. Clark Administration Building  
Southern University and A & M College  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

### **Minutes**

The meeting of the Legal Affairs Committee of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by the Chairman, Dr. Eamon M. Kelly.

#### **Present**

Dr. Eamon M. Kelly – Chair  
Atty. Tony M. Clayton – Vice Chair  
Atty. Murphy F. Bell, Jr.  
Atty. Walter C. Dumas  
Mr. Darren G. Mire  
Mr. Willie E. Hendricks  
Dr. Leon R. Tarver II  
Atty. Bridget A. Dinvaut – Ex Officio  
Atty. Walter C. Dumas, Chair

#### **Absent**

None

#### **University Personnel Attending**

System President Ronald Mason, Jr.  
Evola Bates, Chief of Staff  
System Vice Presidents Kevin Appleton, Tony Moore, and Lester Pourciau  
Chancellors Victor Ukpolo (SUNO), Ray Belton (SUSLA), Leodrey Williams (SUAREC), James Llorens (SUBR), and Vice Chancellor John Pierre (SULC)

#### **Board Counsel**

Attys. Winston DeCuir, Jr. and Tracie Woods

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

On motion of Atty. Bell, seconded by Dr. Tarver, the agenda was adopted, as printed.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

The following persons spoke in opposition to the contract between the SU System and EO Serve (Agenda Item 5A).

- Dr. Thomas Miller – SUBR Faculty Senate President
- Dr. George Amedee – SUNO Faculty Senate President
- Diola Bagayoko, SUBR Physics Professor

Dr. Bagayoko distributed to the Committee two documents entitled, "The Illegal Features of the SUS/EO Serve Contract" and "The Bill of Sale of Southern University Campuses." Copies are on file in the Board's Office.

**AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEM**

**A. Contract between the SU System and EO Serve (Dumas)**

Atty. Dumas questioned the validity of the contract between the SU System and EO Serve and posed a number of questions to Atty. DeCuir in regards thereto.

In response, Atty. DeCuir stated his position that the SU System's contract with EO Serve is valid.

The following motion was offered by Atty. Dumas:

Pursuant to State's regulations, the Committee recommends to the Board, that the Administration cease and desist from further implementation of the EO Serve Contract until the contract has been approved by the State's Office of Contractual Review.

The motion died for lack of a second.

**AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT**

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

## **Academic Affairs Committee**

9:00 a.m.

Friday, March 22, 2013

J.S. Clark Administration Building  
Southern University and A & M College  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

### **Minutes**

The meeting of the Academic Affairs Committee of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by the Chairman, Dr. Leon R. Tarver II. The invocation was given by Rev. Ronald Sutton.

#### **Present**

Dr. Leon R. Tarver, Chair  
Mrs. Ann A. Smith, Vice Chair  
Atty. Tony M. Clayton  
Rev. Joe R. Gant, Jr.  
Mr. Willie E. Hendricks  
Dr. Eamon M. Kelly  
Mr. Mike A. Small  
Atty. Bridget A. Dinvaut, Ex Officio

#### **Absent**

Rev. Samuel C. Tolbert, Jr.

#### **University Personnel Attending**

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

#### **Board Counsel**

Attys. Winston DeCuir, Jr. and Tracie Woods

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

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

Motion carried unanimously.

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

None

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

A. B.S. Degree in Forensic Science, SUNO



On motion of Mr. Hendricks, seconded by Rev. Gant, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, the proposal for a B.S. Degree in Forensic Science Program at Southern University at New Orleans.

Motion carried unanimously.

**B. Termination of Existing Academic Programs, SUSLA**

On motion of Rev. Gant, seconded by Mr. Hendricks, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, the termination of the two academic programs listed below at Southern University – Shreveport:

- Associate of Applied Science in Event Management
- Certificate of Technical Studies in Fire Management

Motion carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 6: INFORMATIONAL ITEM**

**A. ACT 419 Management Plan for Collaboration (SUNO, UNO and DCC)**

Chancellor Ukpolo provided an update to the Committee on the collaborative efforts of Southern University at New Orleans (SUNO), the University of New Orleans (UNO) and Delgado Community College (DCC), pursuant to ACT 419 of the 2011 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature.

Details are on line.

**AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Rev. Gant, the meeting was adjourned.

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## **Finance and Audit Committee**

Friday, March 22, 2013  
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. Willie E. Hendricks.

#### **Present**

Mr. Willie E. Hendricks, Chair  
Dr. Eamon M. Kelly – Vice Chair  
Atty. Murphy F. Bell, Jr.  
Mr. Calvin W. Braxton, Sr.  
Mr. Darren G. Mire  
Mr. Mike A. Small  
Dr. Leon R. Tarver II  
Atty. Bridget A. Dinvaut, Ex Officio

#### **Absent**

None

#### **University Personnel Attending**

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

#### **Board Counsel**

Attys. Winston DeCuir, Jr. and Tracie Woods

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

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

Motion carried unanimously.

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

None

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

**A. Authorization to Lease Parking Spaces, SUSLA**

Deleted. Action on this item was taken during the meeting of the Facilities and Property Committee.

**B. LA GRAD Act Tuition Increase**

On motion of Dr. Tarver, seconded by Dr. Kelly, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, a 10% increase in student tuition, by campus, effective Fall 2013, pursuant to the LA GRAD Act.

Motion carried unanimously.

The concerns raised by Committee members in regards to this item are highlighted below:

- ◆ There is a continuing increase in tuition sans a corresponding increase in student enrollment at SUBR
- ◆ SU has been negatively impacted by reductions in recent State appropriations to Universities which have equaled to the amount of revenue generated from the tuition increases.
- ◆ Continuing increases in student tuition are now adversely impacting students who qualify for and receive financial aid and will result in the campuses becoming unaffordable for its student clientele.
- ◆ The Committee should be provided at the April meeting data reflecting the difference between the amount of the University's operational costs and its current revenues.
- ◆ In an effort to offset tuition increases, the Administration should implement a ten percent salary reduction for personnel whose annual salaries are \$100,000 or more.
- ◆ The Alumni Federation and the System Foundation should be engaged in getting needed financial revenues. This alumni giving campaign should include SU Alumni chapters across the country.
- ◆ Another adverse impact on the University students is the current trend in State policy that shifts higher education costs to students and their parents; while Federal policy lightens credits requirements for student and parent loans.

The President advised that, if the situation warrants, the Administration will include budget balancing measures such as recommended employee furloughs and 10% annual employee salary reductions in the 2013-14 Operating Budgets when presented for Board approval. .

**C. FY 2013-14 General Fund Budget Projections, as of January 31, 2013 (SU System entities)**

In his review of the status of the current operating budgets for the Board /System and Campuses, System Vice President Appleton announced that the budgets will be fiscally balanced at the end of the fiscal year.

**AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS**

**A. FY 2013-14 Executive Budget**

The Committee was informed that one-time appropriations make up the Governor's Executive Budget for 2013-14; and, due to the speculative nature of these appropriations, the Southern University System could experience a budget gap of up to \$12 million should these funds fail to materialize.

Currently, the University anticipates a System-wide shortfall of \$7.82 million in appropriations, \$3.5 million in Reserve Funds and \$2.5 million in unfunded mandates.

**AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT**

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

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## **Personnel Affairs Committee**

Friday, March 22, 2013  
J.S. Clark Administration Building  
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Baton Rouge, Louisiana

### **Minutes**

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

#### **Present**

Atty. Murphy F. Bell, Jr., Chair  
Mr. Darren G. Mire, Vice Chair  
Rev. Joe R. Gant, Jr.  
Mr. Willie E. Hendricks  
Dr. Eamon M. Kelly  
Mrs. Ann A. Smith  
Atty. Bridget A. Dinvaut, Ex Officio

#### **Absent**

None

#### **University Personnel Attending**

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

#### **Board Counsel**

Attys. Winston DeCuir, Jr. and Tracie Woods

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

On motion of Dr. Kelly, seconded by Mrs. Smith, the agenda was adopted, as printed.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

None

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

**A. Continuation of Appointment of Interim Dean of Graduate Studies, SUBR**

On motion of Dr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Hendricks, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, the continued appointment of Dr. Doze Y. Butler as Interim Dean of Graduate Studies at Southern University – Baton Rouge, effective February 1, 2013 - May 17, 2013, at an annual pro-rated salary of \$105,000.

Motion carried. Rev. Gant voted nay.

**B. Leave of Absence for Associate Professor of Social Work, SUNO**

On motion of Rev. Gant, seconded by Mrs. Smith, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, the medical(sick) leave of absences, with pay, for Dr. Cheryl Mills, Associate Professor of Social Work at Southern University at New Orleans, effective January 7, 2013 – May 13, 2013.

Motion carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS**

Atty. Tony M. Clayton expressed his disagreement with the recent action by the Board Chairwoman to remove the Board's Executive Assistant from the office she occupied for over 30 years. Following an explanation provided by the Board Chairwoman, Atty. Clayton requested that the matter be placed on the April Board agenda, should the Chair's action fail to be reversed prior to that time. Board Counsel was also requested to review the Board's Bylaws and to provide an opinion on this matter.

Several members stated their opinion that this matter would be resolved prior to the April meeting.

**AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Dr. Kelly, the meeting was adjourned.

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## **Internal Audit Committee**

Friday, March 22, 2013  
J.S. Clark Administration Building  
Southern University and A & M College  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

### **Minutes**

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

#### **Present**

Mr. Myron K. Lawson, Chair  
Atty. Murphy F. Bell, Jr., Vice-Chair  
Mr. Willie E. Hendricks  
Dr. Eamon M. Kelly  
Mr. Mike S. Small  
Dr. Leon R. Tarver II  
Atty. Bridget A. Dinvaout, Ex Officio

#### **Absent**

None

#### **University Personnel Attending**

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

#### **Board Counsel**

Attys. Winston DeCuir, Jr. and Tracie Woods

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

On motion of Dr. Kelly, seconded by Mrs. Smith, the agenda was adopted, as printed.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

None

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

**A. Revised Reporting Structure for SU internal Audit Function (Lawson)**

Per the request of Committee Chair Lawson, the reporting structure for the SU Internal Audit function was revised so that the function will report administratively to the System President and functionally to the Chair of the Board's Internal Audit Committee.

On motion of Atty. Bell, seconded by Dr. Kelly, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, the revised reporting structure for the SU Internal Audit function.

Motion carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 6: INFORMATIONAL ITEM**

None

**AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT**

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

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## **Recruiting and Admissions Committee**

Friday, March 22, 2013

J.S. Clark Administration Building

Southern University and A & M College

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

### **Minutes**

The meeting of the Recruiting and Admissions Committee of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by the Chair, Mrs. Ann A. Smith.

#### **Present**

Mrs. Ann A. Smith, Chair  
Rev. Joe R. Gant, Vice-Chair  
Mr. Raymond M. Fondel, Jr.  
Ms. LaKeisha A. Ford  
Dr. Eamon M. Kelly  
Mr. Myron K. Lawson  
Mr. Mike A. Small  
Rev. Samuel C. Tolbert, Jr.  
Atty. Bridget A. Dinvaut, Ex Officio

#### **Absent**

None

#### **University Personnel Attending**

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

#### **Board Counsel**

Attys. Winston DeCuir, Jr. and Tracie Woods

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

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

Motion carried unanimously.

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

None

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

### **A. Update on Recruiting and Admissions**

#### **SUBR**

The Committee was advised that the online and on ground student recruitment functions have been placed at the System level. EO Serve was recognized for its efforts in this area.

Chancellor Llorens announced that Southern University – Baton Rouge has received approximately 3,000 applications for the Fall 2013 semester. The University has worked assiduously to:

- increase efficiency in responding to student applications and inquiries;
- hold conferences with alumni groups to place SUBR billboards across the State in contiguous States;
- increase waives of out-of-state fees; and
- encourage students who do not meet SUBR's selective admissions requirements to enroll in the SU Student Connect Program.

The Chancellor also advised that Chancellor Scholarships in the amount of \$20,000 have been awarded for Fall 2013 and that Online course offerings have increased.

#### **SUNO**

Chancellor Ukpolo informed the Committee that Southern University at New Orleans' recruitment campaign is aggressively reaching out to feeder schools and beyond, despite the significant problems the University is experiencing in admitting students.

#### **SUSLA**

Chancellor Belton announced that Southern University - Shreveport has become increasingly assertive in its recruitment efforts, is shifting certain resources to enhance its marketing campaign; and is branding the University throughout the year, rather than seasonally.

Committee Member Fondel suggested that the Administration properly identify and utilize SU Alumni as well as churches in the University's recruitment efforts. He also encouraged Board Members to seek assistance for Southern University in their local communities.

Finally, in response to an inquiry by Mr. Fondel, the Committee learned that approximately 200 students must be enrolled to generate \$1 million in revenues to the University. He suggested the Administration inform the general community about the number of students it needs to enroll annually in order to sustain its financial viability.

Rev. Gant reported that efforts are underway to engage the Faith Community in rendering needed assistance to Southern University. Continuing, he reported that 300 pastors will be brought to the campus in April 2013. Rev. Gant also challenged the Chancellors to actively engage the local Churches as well as those across the State to provide regular financial assistance to the Universities.

Atty. Clayton noted that SUBR's recent exposure during the Men's Basketball Team's participation in the televised NCAA Tournament helped to enhance the University's recruitment efforts.

Commendations were extended by Committee Chair Smith to the Administration for its efforts to increase student enrollment on the SU campuses.

**AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Rev. Gant, the meeting was adjourned.

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# Southern University

## Pastors' Faith Based Scholarship Program



### Scholarship Criteria

- All applicants must possess minimum 2.000 GPA on high school or college work.
- Student is or will be enrolled in 12 credit hours (full-time) or minimum 6 credit hours (part time) at a degree granting institution with the Southern University System.
- Student demonstrates a special or unusual financial need as determined by the committee.
- Student possesses talents that are desirable and which will lend credibility to the college.
- Student has other special existing circumstances which warrant the issuing of a scholarship.
- All scholarship recipients shall be considered for a scholarship by the awarding entity only after being recommended by the Office of the Chancellor of the campus that they desire to pursue their studies.

### Procedures for applying for Foundation Scholarships

1. Applicant must submit all required documents to the System Foundation Office by the published deadline.
2. Scholarship committee reviews applications.
3. Foundation Office will mail award letters to applicants/recipients.
4. Foundation Office will notify Financial Aid Office and the respective departments of recipients.



Southern University and A&M College at Baton Rouge

# Chancellor's Report



## SIGNIFICANT ACCOMPLISHMENTS/ACHIEVEMENTS

### Campus Tours are Vital Component of Recruitment Effort

Over the last several weeks, SUBR has had at least eight or more different groups to visit the campus. Some of these groups have come from locations in the state, and some have come from locations outside of the state. All have been received warmly and enthusiastically. A typical campus tour is hosted by the Office of Admissions and Recruitment. This is the office with which a group's leader/coordinator makes initial contact. The Office of Admission and Recruitment is provided with the date and time that the group plans to arrive on campus, so that the visit can be planned. Always, if the Chancellor is not away from the campus, he addresses the group. If he is scheduled to be away from the campus, a representative from the Chancellor's Office greets the group and makes a presentation.

The goal is to successfully recruit some of the prospective students who visit the campus as tour participants. The prospective students complete information cards, and appropriate individuals from the Recruitment Office, Academic Affairs, the Honors College, appropriate deans and department heads and the Chancellor's Office follow up by corresponding with the prospective students.

Our most recent campus tours have included:

- March, 2013 – 55 students from Atlanta, Georgia
- March, 2013 – 40 students from Bunkie, Louisiana
- April, 2013 – 40 students from Indiana
- April, 2013 – 35 students from California
- April, 2013 – 42 students from Southeastern Talent Search
- April, 2013 – 40 students from Michigan
- April, 2013 – 50 students from Michigan (Upward Bound)
- April, 2013 – 50 students from Donaldsonville High School

When the 55 students from Atlanta, Georgia toured the campus, the Chancellor was a way on University business, and the System President graciously agreed to greet and speak to this group. This action by the President certainly supports the notion that "Recruitment is indeed everybody's business."

## **Three SUBR Students are Nominated for the ETS Scholarship for HBCU Students**

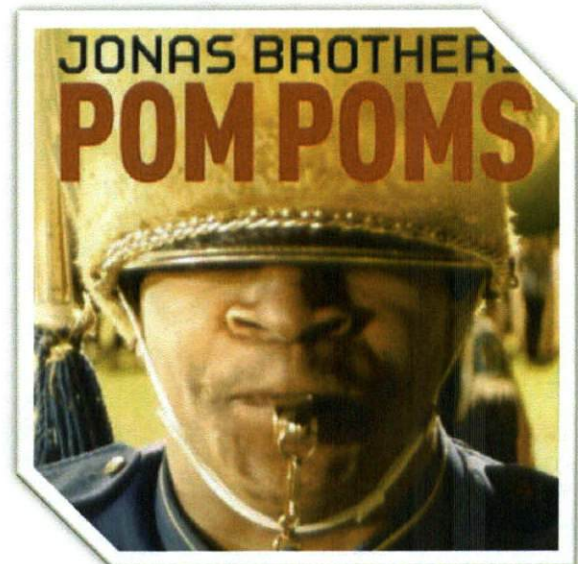
Three of SUBR's premier students have been nominated for the 2013 Educational Testing Services (ETS) Scholarship for HBCU Students. They are Augusta M. Robinson, Adria E. Smith and Shannon N. Jones-Butt. These students were selected by a faculty committee as nominees to represent SUBR in this year's academic competition.

All three students have profiles that are characterized by outstanding academic accomplishments, hard work, discipline, dedication and participation in a number of impressive extra-curricular activities. Their individual records in volunteerism are most impressive. Strong letters of recommendation and support were submitted on behalf of the three nominees by the Chancellor and by advisors and appropriate members of the faculty who worked with these students and were very familiar with all of the reasons that each was worthy of the nomination. Whether the nominees are selected or not as recipients of this scholarship, all three are winners and will continue to represent themselves and SUBR in an exemplary manner.

## **Human Jukebox Continues to Receive National Attention**

This academic year has been a busy and exciting year for the Southern University Marching Band, known by all as the "Human Jukebox." This outstanding unit of talented students, along with their dedicated and gifted Director, Mr. Lawrence Jackson, has made several noteworthy appearances during the 2012-2013 academic year.

In addition to entertaining Jaguar fans during the regular football season as the band presented exciting half-time shows, there were also a number of invitations that gave the band the opportunity to "take the show on the road." The Jaguar Band performed during the pre-game festivities at the recent Superbowl. Some of the Dancing Dolls were selected to perform with Beyoncé during the half-time show for the Superbowl. The band also performed in several Mardi Gras parades throughout the state.



The band's latest performance came as a result of an invitation to perform on a Jonas Brothers video called "Pom Poms." The video has previewed and the reviews have all been positive.

The entire SUBR Family salutes the amazing talent of these students who as an impressive unit serve as ambassadors for their University with energy, excitement, pride and creativity that always make us proud. Chancellor James L. Llorens complimented the band on its growing popularity and the publicity it is building for the University with participation on national stages such as the Super Bowl and entertainment videos.

"First our basketball team puts a scare into a top seed in the NCAA basketball tournament two weeks ago and gets a ton of national exposure for us, now our marching band will be seen by a worldwide audience with the Jonas Brothers," Llorens said. "Southern continues to build its national brand."

## **Branco Student Health Center Continues the on-line Publication of SU Student Health 101**

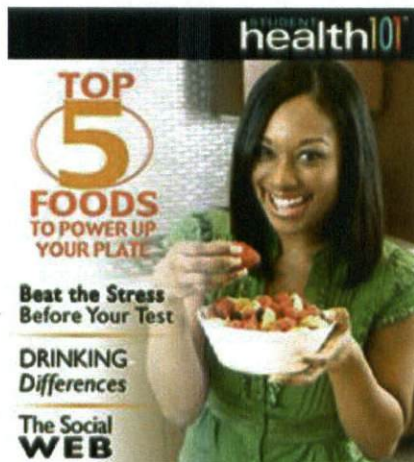
In the University's continued effort to develop the whole individual, students are provided vital information to assist them in maintaining good physical and mental health. One of the most informative and timely tools that SUBR makes available to students is sponsored and provided by the SUBR Branco-Hill Student Health Center. It is an on-line student health publication that is published on a monthly basis. An example of what is covered in the on-line April issue is attached. The e-mail address for the latest on-line publication is also provided.



STUDENT  
**health101**

April's SU Student Health 101 is now ready - check it out online  
at <http://readsh101.com/subr.html> -

Enter the April drawing for \$2,500 - and check out what's in the April issue:



**Power Up Your Plate**

Top 5 foods to boost nutrition today

**Beat the Stress Before Your Test**

Learn how to conquer academic anxiety

**Drinking Differences**

Reveal the reality of your body's reactions

**The Social Web**

Pros and cons of online connections

**Run With Your Passion**

How exercise can make a difference

**UCookbook: Filling Salads**

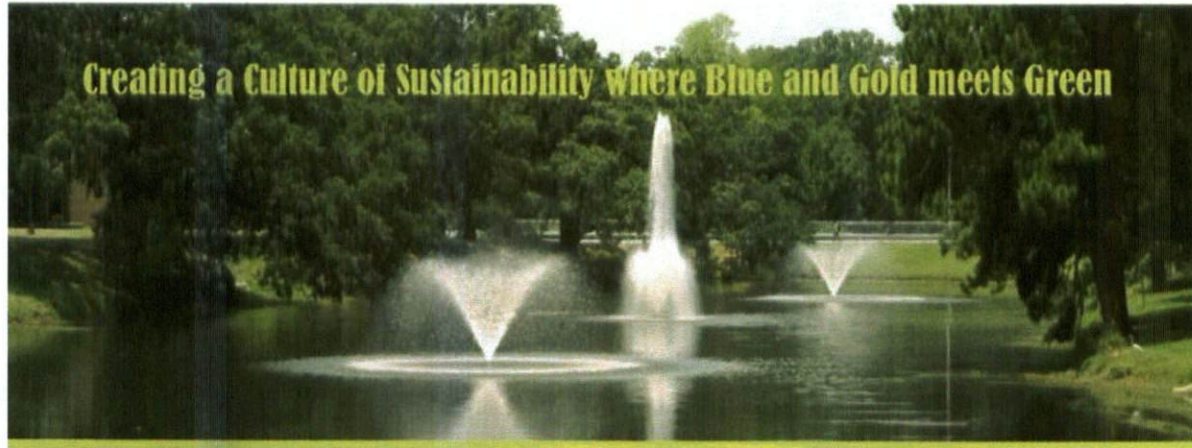
**FitnessU: Equipment-Free Resistance Training**

Be sure to like us on Facebook to find out when we announce the lucky winner.

Thanks for your time,

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## Schedule of Events

Monday, April 22:

Campus Wide Sustainability Activities

Tuesday, April 23:

Campus Wide Sustainability Activities

Engaging Cleaner Fuel Opportunities  
Presentation @ 2pm

Kesavalu M. Bagawandoss, Ph.D., J.D.  
Corporate Technical Director, Accutest Lab

Student Sustainability Showcase &  
Demonstrations, 5pm-7pm  
Cotillion Ballroom

Wednesday, April 24:

Campus Wide Sustainability Activities

Student Research Symposium: Cotillion Ballroom

Thursday, April 25:

Campus Wide Sustainability Activities

Faculty and Staff Professional  
Development, 1:30pm-5pm Registration Required

Faculty & Staff Recognition Program  
by Invitation Only

Friday, April 26:

Campus Wide Sustainability Activities

Faculty and Staff Professional  
Development, 9:15am-2:30pm  
Registration Required

# Sustainability Week April 22-26, 2013

Sustainability Week will feature work by hundreds of students across the disciplines from the Southern University System. These students will present original research and artistic endeavors, with a sustainability focus, in poster sessions, visual exhibits, and creative performances. Colleges, Departments and Programs are asked to submit a summary of their student showcase. The showcase may include a display highlighting the work of students in the discipline, i.e. robotics, tangible products. In addition, there will be seminars for students on career development, sustainability and the workforce, and graduate and/or doctoral study preparation.

The National Science Foundation, the U.S. Department of Energy, National Institute for Standards and Technology will facilitate the professional development sessions. There is no cost for participation but registration is required. Registration opens on **Friday, March 15**. To recognize the outstanding work of the faculty and staff of the Southern University System, you are asked to nominate your colleagues for an award in either research or academics. Nomination guidelines are listed on the website and accepted from **March 20, 2013 to April 3, 2013**. Nominations must be submitted online.

For more information visit  
[www.subr.edu/sustain2013](http://www.subr.edu/sustain2013)



Register and Nominate at

<http://www.nextgenerationcomposites.com/conferences/2013sustainability/>

## **SU hosted Info, Communications Technology Conference in Africa**

Southern University's International Center for Information Technology and Development recently hosted its Africa 2013 conference, in Harare, Zimbabwe.

Some 400 faculty members and students from over 30 countries participated in the event. This year's conference theme was "Consolidating Africa's Competitiveness through Bespoke ICTs."

The SUBR team was led by Professors Victor Mbarika, Chanika Jones and Oswald d'Auvergne. The international event, funded by over a dozen organizations, the annual ICT for Africa Conference brings together stakeholders of the educational and industrial sectors in Africa.

Dr. Mbarika is executive director of the ICT and an Endowed Professor. Jones is a professor in Criminal Justice and d'Auvergne is a professor in Biology.

The focus of the conference is to determine how to transfer, diffuse and adopt the Information and Communication Technologies within the African context, the innovation and development of ICT solutions for and within this context, and the impact of ICT on society and of society on ICT.

There are other relevant normative, empirical, and theoretical concerns of ICT development, implementation, strategy, management and policy that are distinctive to Africa and associated developing economies.

For this year's conference, Zimbabwe's President Robert Mugabe was represented by his Deputy Prime Minister Professor Arthur Mutambara. Also in attendance was Zimbabwe's Minister of ICT, Nelson Chamisa, a major champion for Africa's ICT causes.

**The ICT for Africa conference will be in Nairobi, Kenya in 2014.**

## **SUBR Center for International Education to host International Jazz Brunch**

The Southern University Center for International Affairs and University Outreach hosted its annual International Jazz Brunch and Silent Auction on April 20, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Cotillion Ballroom.

Funds from the event provide scholarships and financial assistance for students seeking to study abroad.

Items from countries such as Brazil, Turkey, China, Senegal, and Belize will be auctioned. Guests can also donate items from countries they've visited. All items donated or purchased are tax deductible.

The Herman Jackson Jazz Ensemble will provide entertainment at the event. Tickets are \$35 each or \$300 for a table.

Tickets are available at the Center for International Education and University Outreach (CIE). For tickets and more information, call Kristan A. Gordon, Assistant to the Dean of the Center of International Affairs, at 225-771-2613 or via email: [kritan\\_gordon@subr.edu](mailto:kritan_gordon@subr.edu). The CIE was established at Southern to provide students with the opportunity to study abroad and to engage in activities to help them to acquire a second language and knowledge of foreign cultures.

Through the CIE, Southern has created programs in Africa, Europe, Latin America and Asia that involves academic study and service learning activities. The CIE is actively pursuing external support for its international initiatives.

## **Music Department Launched Piano Series April 9**

The Music Department held its first recital of the Southern University Piano series: "Brazilian Piano Masters" with guest pianist Dr. Alessandra Feris at 2 p.m., Tuesday, April 9 in the DeBose Music Hall.

The event, free and open to the public, was organized and hosted by student members of the SU Collegiate Chapter of the Music Teachers National Association.

Dr. Feris has performed widely as a solo recitalist, concerto soloist and chamber musician in Brazil, Argentina, Mexico, Costa Rica, Europe and in the U.S.

Her recent performances include a debut recital at the prestigious Palacio de Bellas Artes (Sala Manuel M. Ponce) in Mexico City.

## **Chancellor part of economic development program on Tuesday, April 9, 2013**

Chancellor James L. Llorens touted Southern University on Tuesday, April 9 at the Baton Rouge Area Leadership Economic Development program.

The Chancellor joined the heads of the Louisiana Community and Technical College System and LSU at the Pennington Biomedical Research Center to talk about their educational institutions, along with describing the impact their individual schools have on the local and state economies.

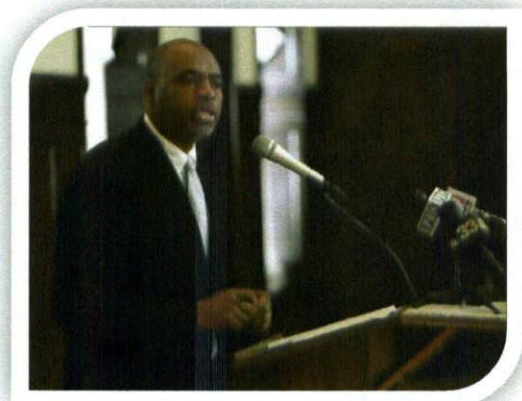
The chancellor was scheduled to speak at 2 p.m. There was a short question and answer period after the presentation.

## Small Business Center offering “How to become a licensed claims adjuster”

The Louisiana Small Business Development Center at Southern University held a seminar entitled “How to Become a Licensed Claims Adjuster” on Saturday, April 13 from 10 a.m.-noon at the LSBDC on Southern’s campus.

The event was held at the center located at 616 Harding Boulevard. It was free and open to the public; however, advanced registration was required.

## Office of Media Relations Update



On March 11, WBRZ-TV Ch. 2 and WAFB-TV Ch. 9 aired stories about Southern’s effort to build its enrollment. The stories were based on SU’s Vice Chancellor for Student Success Dr. Albert Tezeno’s speech at the Baton Rouge Press Club. *The Advocate* published a similar story on March 12.

On March 18, *The Advocate* published a story profiling SU professor Lisa Delpit and her latest book, *Multiplication is for White People*, and the national attention it has garnered in education circles. It was named one of the “Top education books of 2012” by the award-winning education magazine, *The American School Board Journal*.



On March 21, television stations WAFB-TV Ch. 9, WBRZ-TV Ch. 2 and WVLA Ch. 33 covered the Chancellor’s “Watch Party” for the SUBR campus to view the men’s basketball team’s NCAA Tournament game against Gonzaga. The event was held in the Cotillion Ballroom.

On March 27, two SU College of Business professors – Dr. Vineeta Hingorani and Dr. Lauri Patterson - were part of a group discussion on Louisiana Public Broadcasting's Public Square show.

On April 3 and 4, stories about the band's participation in the Jonas Brothers' video were published or aired by The Advocate newspaper, WVLA Ch. 33, WBRZ-TV Ch. 2, WAFB-TV Ch. 9 and 225 Magazine along with other news outlets.



“On April 4, *The Advocate* newspaper’s Feature section published a profile on incoming SU football signee Trent Anio and why he chose to attend Southern.

On April 7, *The Advocate* newspaper published a story in its Magazine section promoting the Department of Speech and Theatre’s production of “A Doll’s House.” The play opens Wednesday, April 10, in the university’s Hayden Theatre.

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER

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

April 2013

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

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

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

***DATE: APRIL 2013***

***SIGNIFICANT EVENTS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS***

***CHANCELLOR SPEAKS ON GUN VIOLENCE***

*Chancellor Freddie Pitcher, Jr. was a panelist at a roundtable discussion on Louisiana Gun Violence at Wesley United Methodist Church on April 3.*

*Joining the Chancellor were the Reverend Dr. Jo Connelly, Pastor, Wesley United Methodist Church, Tara McGuinness, Executive Director, Center for America Progress Fund, Dr. Holley Haymaker, Founder, Stop Gun Violence Baton Rouge and Dr. Pritesh Ghandi, Founder, Doctors Against Gun violence.*

*Each panelist provided information and observations on rampant gun violence, its causes and impact on Louisianians. McGuinness reported that breaking news from the Washington, D.C. based Center for American Progress Fund ranks Louisiana first in the country in firearm homicides; Louisiana has the second highest homicide rate among children ages 0-17 of all states, and the gun-homicide rate among women is the worst in the country, she said.*

*The report found a direct correlation between state gun violence and weak state gun laws.*

*The discussion was open to the public and press who joined the dialogue, with a consensus that universal background checks are necessary to stop the carnage.*

## SULC Faculty and Staff Honored for 30 and 20 Years of Service to the SU System



Five SULC faculty and staff were recently recognized for their years of service to the Southern University System. Chancellor James Llorens and Chancellor Freddie Pitcher, Jr., congratulate the 20-year employees attending the Service Awards Luncheon at left, Prof. Judith Perhay, and at right, Josie Washington of the Clinical Education Program office.

Five SULC faculty and staff were recently recognized for their years of service to the Southern University System. Prof. Steve Barbre was honored for 30 years. The 20-year employees are Professor Ollivette Mencer, Professor Judith Perhay, Josie Washington of the Clinical Education Program office, and Associate Vice Chancellor Roederick White, who holds the Charles Hatfield Endowed Professor. Chancellor Pitcher presented the awards during the annual SU Service Awards Luncheon held in conjunction with the SU Founders' Day, Thursday, March 7, at the Cotillion Ballroom of the Smith-Brown Memorial Student Union.

## SULC 2013 Hall of Fame Inductees and Distinguished Alumni



Azare



Batiste



Harris



Malone



Ricks

A corporate attorney, two district judges, a former parish attorney, and a former associate dean of the Southern University Law Center (SULC) were inducted into the 2013 SULC Hall of Fame, Saturday, April 13, at the Annual Hall of Fame banquet in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.



*SULC alumni Monica Azare, '94, New York City, N.Y.; Judge Alvin Batiste, '81, Plaquemine, Louisiana; Judge Brenda Bedsole Ricks, '84, Amite, Louisiana; Aaron Harris, '71, of Opelousas, and Dannye Malone, '85, Shreveport, Louisiana, were honored as part of the four-day annual Alumni Round-Up, celebrating the 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Law Center.*

*Monica Azare, '94, has been senior vice president of corporate communications for Verizon Communications since 2008. Prior to this position, Azare served as senior VP of Public Policy and Government Affairs for Verizon Communications from 2006 to 2008 and as executive director and senior counsel of Federal Affairs for Verizon Wireless from 2000 to 2006.*

*Azare, a Louisiana native, formerly served as vice president for Federal Affairs for Insight Communication in New York and chief counsel to House Energy and Commerce Chairman Billy Tauzin.*

*Since 2003, Judge Alvin Batiste, Jr., '81, has been a judge of the 18th Judicial District, Division C, comprising Iberville, Pointe Coupee, and West Baton Rouge parishes. Judge Batiste began his legal career as an officer and lawyer in the U.S. Navy Judge Advocate General Corp.*

*A former East Baton Rouge Parish assistant public defender and an assistant attorney general for the State Department of Environmental Quality, Batiste opened the law firm of Batiste & Batiste in 1992, with his now deceased wife, Yolanda Jefferson Batiste. He was the first Chief Administrative Officer for the Parish of Iberville from 1997-2002.*

*Judge Brenda Bedsole Ricks has served the 21<sup>st</sup> Judicial District Court, Division E, for Livingston, St. Helena, and Tangipahoa parishes, since her election to the bench in 1996.*

*Judge Ricks is a former assistant district attorney for the 21<sup>st</sup> JDC; private law practitioner; legislative staff aide, analyst, and attorney; city attorney of the Town of Roseland; and contract attorney of the Louisiana Department of Children, Youth, and Family Services. She is a graduate of three programs of the National Judicial College and the first class of the Louisiana Supreme Court Judicial Leadership Institute.*

*Aaron Harris, a native of Washington, Louisiana, and a resident of Opelousas, is a Former St. Landry Parish public school teacher and guidance counselor, a United States Army veteran, and former associate dean of the Law Center.*

*Upon his retirement from SULC in 1990, Harris returned to St. Landry Parish and became a full-time practitioner in the firm of Harris & Harris, which he established in 1986. Harris & Harris was the first African-American firm consisting of a father and son team in the parish. In addition to his practice of law, he has been a lifetime farmer, owning the largest cattle ranch, farm, and real estate development in the African-American community in St. Landry Parish.*

*Dannye W. Malone is the managing partner of the Malone Law Firm, LLC, that he opened 2005 in Shreveport, Louisiana. Malone, a SB Magazine 2013 Top Attorney selected by his peers in the Shreveport-Bossier area, is an experienced trial lawyer and expert in municipal and governmental law.*

*His legal career includes an appointment as a Shreveport assistant city attorney; special assistant district attorney for the First Judicial District; and the first parish attorney for the Parish of Caddo. After serving in government for more than 17 years, in 2002, Malone joined the Lafayette headquartered law firm of Jeansonne & Remondet as special counsel. He became a partner in 2003 and managed the firm's Shreveport office for two years.*

*As a member of a former SULC study group, called The Corporation, Malone has contributed to two annual scholarships awarded by this group for more than 15 years, to SULC students with a financial need and who exhibit academic excellence and good moral character.*

*Other alumni will be recognized for their career distinctions at an opening night welcome reception for the annual Alumni Round-Up, on Thursday, April 11. They are Michael R. D. Adams, '89, Baton Rouge; Dinisa Hardley Folmar, '99, Atlanta, Georgia; Rodney Messina, '90, Baton Rouge; Alejandro "Al" Perkins, '04, Baton Rouge; James Rodney Pierre, '90, Monroe, Louisiana; and Erin Monroe Wesley, '02, Baton Rouge.*

#### OFFICE OF CAREER COUNSELING

*The Phillips Academy Institute for Recruitment of Teachers (IRT): On February 7 and 8, 2013, The Phillips Academy Institute for Recruitment of Teachers presented programs and informed students about opportunities for students seeking alternative careers in education. IRT addresses the lack of diversity in the nation's teaching faculties, recruiting outstanding students of color and other scholars committed to diversity, counseling them through the graduate school application process, and advocating for sufficient funding for advanced study.*

*United States Department of State: On March 4, 2013, Donna Blair U.S. Department of State, Diplomat in Residence (Southeast Texas – Louisiana), presented programs to the students where she provided guidance and advice about Department careers and answered questions and shared insight with those interested in Foreign and Civil Service careers, internships and fellowships.*

*Career Services Law Week Program: On March 20, 2013, the Office of Career Services presented a panel entitled “Looking Through the Rearview Mirror: What I Know Now that I wish I’d Known Then.” The panel featured five alumni from the class of 2009 discussing their career successes and providing advice to the students. The panelists were Dwazendra Smith, Ashley Darville, Kelly Carmena, Raveen Hills, and Stephanie Robin.*

#### *Professional Development Activities -*

*On Thursday, March 21, 2013, the Director of Career Services, Michelle Jackson, was a panelist for the Women in Law “Sexual Harassment in the Workplace: What is it? What are your rights and remedies?” panel. The topic covered a full range of questions and answers explaining various aspects of sexual harassment, including: the type of conduct and injury needed for a claim, filing timelines, how to respond to sexual harassment, how to prove a claim, and what employers can do to avoid claims. Other panelists were Assistant Professor Shawn Vance, Mr. Robb Campbell, Williamson, Fontenot, & Campbell; and Visiting Professor Mike Garrard. The panel was hosted and moderated by Professor Shenequa Grey.*

#### **SULC Student Felicia Hamilton Is One of Five NABL Fundamentals Scholarship Recipients**



*The National Association of Bond Lawyers announced recently that Felicia Hamilton is one of five recipients for the 2013 Fundamentals of Municipal Bond Law Seminar Law Student Scholarship Program.*

*The 2013 Fundamentals of Municipal Bond Law Seminar is designed for attorneys, paralegals, government officials and employees, financial consultants, and other municipal finance professionals and market participants seeking a basic knowledge of municipal bond law and related municipal finance issues. Open to both members and non-members, the seminar was held April 17-19, 2013, at the Swissotel Chicago.*

*Each of the recipients received a waiver of the enrollment fee to the seminar, complimentary hotel lodging, and reimbursement of travel expenses.*

*According to Deanna Gregory, chair of NABL's Education Committee and a member of the selection committee, "The caliber of applicants for the Fundamentals scholarships made our job of selecting the five recipients a very hard one again this year.*

*"This group reflects an extremely diverse, very enthusiastic, and talented group of students."*

### **Work of Law Review Staff Members in Spotlight**



*Work of third-year student Sherry Sanders's article, "Privacy is Dead: The Birth of Social Media Background Checks," 52 S.U. L. Rev. 243 (2012), has been listed as an article of interest to the judiciary by the Minnesota State Law Library. Sanders is the editor-in-chief of the Southern University Law Review. See <http://www.lawlibrary.state.mn.us>*

*Third-year student Tamyra N. Craig's article "Who's the Boss? Issues with Co-Domiciliary Parenting in Louisiana," has been published in the March issue of Around the Bar, the monthly publication of the Baton Rouge Bar Association. The article is available at [http://www.brba.org/Images/Around the Bar/march 2013\\_ATB.pdf](http://www.brba.org/Images/Around%20the%20Bar/march%202013_ATB.pdf). Craig is a senior editor for the Southern University Law Review.*

### **ON THE GO**

*Vice Chancellor John Pierre has been selected for the Class of 2013 Millennium Leadership Initiative (MLI) Institute. The Institute is co-sponsored by the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) and the Association of Public and Land Grant Universities (APLU). It will take place from June 8-11, 2013, at the Sofitel Lafayette Square in Washington, D.C.*

*Editors-in-chief of the Southern University Law Review and Journal of Race, Gender, and Poverty, Jeb Richard and Roneeka Hill, attended the 2013 National Conference of Law Reviews, March 20-24, in Lansing, Michigan.*

*Elayn Hunt Correctional Institute for Women Tour*

*Prof. Angela Allen-Bell recently arranged a tour of the Louisiana Correctional Institute for Women, for law students. Participants learned how the inmates research and prepare cases, and gained insights into administrative law. The group also explored some of the legislative and policy changes that are needed in the State of Louisiana.*

Participants Invited for PBS Oral History Project on the Voting Rights Act of 1965

*The Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) is conducting an oral history project about the Voting Rights Act of 1965. The editors of the PBS News Hour want participants to answer questions such as:*

- *How did the Voting Rights Act affect your life and your community during the Civil Rights Movement?*

- *Is the Voting Rights Act still necessary?*

*Call the PBS News Hour Oral History Hotline at (703) 594-6PBS to record your story. Or you can access a direct contact link through Google to the hotline.*

*OFFICE OF RECRUITMENT SERVICES*

*The recruitment schedule for the month of April includes visits to these locales:*

*Alabama State University – Montgomery, AL; ARK-LA-TEX Career Fair, Bossier City, LA; Grambling State University, Grambling, LA; Richwood High School, Monroe, LA; University of Arkansas-Pine Bluff, Pine Bluff, AR; Southern University and A&M College, Baton Rouge, LA; and Southern University Day at the Capital, Baton Rouge, LA.*

## ALUMNI NEWS

*Colette Pichon Battle, '02, of Slidell, Louisiana, received the "Pro Bono Guardian" Award from the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) for her no-cost legal service work with immigrant communities in the Gulf Coast. Battle is director and attorney with the Gulf Coast Center for Law and Policy (GCCLP), a public interest law firm that serves Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama residents on issues of immigration, disaster processes, land sovereignty, and community economic development.*

*James P. Wilson, '94, was sworn in on Friday, March 15, as a judge of the Superior Court of New Jersey, Union County Vicinage. The ceremony was held at the Union County Courthouse, Elizabeth, New Jersey. Wilson believes his ascension to the bench is "a testament to the caliber of lawyers our beloved Law Center makes, not only in Louisiana but in other states as well." He was nominated by New Jersey Governor Chris Christie, and the nomination was confirmed by the New Jersey State Senate.*

### ***Special Problems***

*None*

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

*None*

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## SU Ag Center holds 3rd Annual Louisiana Small Farmers' Conference

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Farmer of the year Harper Armstrong, right, receives plaque from Chancellor Williams



Conference group session

Southern University Ag Center held its 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Louisiana Small Farmer Conference March 14-16, 2013 in A. O. Williams Hall. This year's theme was, "Enhancing Opportunities for Louisiana's Small Family Farms." With over 50 Louisiana farmers in attendance, the event showcased the success of not only previous participants but, also the growth and expansion of the conference itself. Dr. Dawn Mellion-Patin, Extension Specialist and Conference Organizer humbly spoke about the pride she feels for the annual event saying, "This conference means so much to small farmers around the country."

This year's conference aimed to educate and

expand the awareness of educational opportunities, USDA programs and services and resources to help sustain small farms.

The event motivated many beginning farmers to achieve great feats with the honoring of the 2012 Louisiana Small Farmer of the year, Mr. Harper Armstrong, who has farmed approximately 2,500 acres for 47 years, growing corn cotton, soybeans and wheat outside of Bastrop, in Morehouse Parish. His farm has been used for several years as a site for the Black Farmers' Field Day.

The second day of the conference involved intriguing sessions designed to provide an opportunity for all of

Louisiana's small agricultural producers to learn, congregate, and exchange knowledge and best practices in regards to farming.

The conference culminated Saturday March 16 with a tour of the Red Stick Farmers' Market in downtown Baton Rouge.

Special guests at the Small Farmers' Conference included Louisiana Agriculture Commissioner Michael Strain, and James H. Hill, Southern SARE's 1890 Land-Grant Liaison.

For further detail, contact Dr. Dawn Mellion-Patin at:

[dawn\\_patin@suagcenter.com](mailto:dawn_patin@suagcenter.com) or 225-771-3532.

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Story by Charisma Deberry.



Southern University Ag Center's Urban Forestry studies biofuel machine



Butterfield, left, takes students, faculty and staff through the fuel-making process; Abdollahi chimes in with explanation.

Southern University Ag Center's Urban Forestry research scientists led by Dr. Kamran Abdollahi are always seeking different ways to reduce waste in the urban ecosystem in an environmentally friendly way, particularly in the aftermath of hurricanes. Dr. Abdollahi sought a novel and efficient technology to recycle tree debris that had stressed most of the state of Louisiana following Hurricane Katrina in 2005. In his quest, Abdollahi collaborated with the industry sector and identified a state of the art Micro biofuel system that could produce biofuel from biomass. He obtained funding from the USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) to enhance bioenergy education, research and outreach in Louisiana and the region. He also secured additional funding to acquire three Micro-Fueler systems from [E-Fuel Corporation](#) in California. Since then, Floyd Butterfield, the inventor of Micro-Fueler System and VP Biofuels, has made several trips to train

research scientists and students on the proper utilization of the system. The Micro-Fueler (a Mini Biofuel Factory) is capable of converting processed waste biomass into biofuels such as diesel and ethanol that can be used to operate vehicles. Butterfield indicated that the company's goal is converting waste and agricultural feedstock such as corn into fuel for vehicles and/or to generate power, further citing this as a more economical approach than transporting debris to landfills.

Energy production is currently controlled by big companies. Making the home ethanol system available to small scale producers through a sustainable self-generated means would boost the local and regional economies while benefiting the environment. "We think that fuel independence is valuable for everyone," said Butterfield.

The company foresees many additions and directions for the machine as well as biofuel production, especially given the constantly rising gas prices.

Abdollahi and Butterfield are collaborating on creating public awareness with the possibility of setting up a training facility at Southern University to benefit the south. Louisiana State University is also a partner in the project and a representative made a presentation on the subject during the recent symposium.

According to the [BioMass Energy Center](#), biomass is biological material derived from living, or recently living organisms. In the context of biomass for energy, this is often used to mean plant based material, but biomass can equally apply to both animal and vegetable derived material.

For more information, contact Dr. Kamran Abdollahi at [Kamran.Abdollahi@subr.edu](mailto:Kamran.Abdollahi@subr.edu)

Second Chance 2 Recover Program collaborates with Louisiana Correctional Institute

On the road again, the Second Chance 2 Recover (SC2R) Program has collaborated with Louisiana Correctional Institute for Women (LCIW). On Monday, April 1, 2013 Tiffany Franklin, Delores Johnson and Milissia John-Baptiste discussed "Anger Management: Controlling it Before it Controls You" with 110 female inmates at LCIW in St. Gabriel, LA. The inmates were asked to develop a list of triggers that causes them to get angry. Inmates also took part in a deep breathing activity and found it to be quite relaxing.

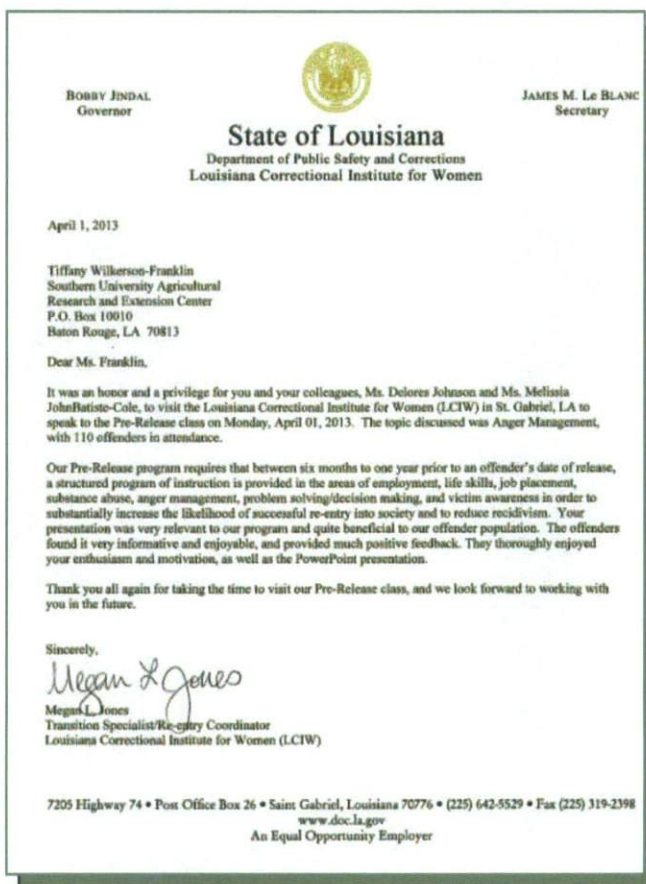
Ms. Megan Jones, Transition Specialist/Re-entry Coordinator at LCIW commented, "Your presentation was relevant to our program and quite beneficial to our offender population. The offenders found it very informative and enjoyable, and provided much positive feedback. They thoroughly enjoyed your enthusiasm and motivation, as well as the PowerPoint presentation."

One inmate responded to session by stating, "I've learned more ways to control my anger." Another inmate described the SC2R

speakers as being "down to earth and very informative. They spoke to us like we are human beings, not just inmates."

SC2R classes are taught in Caddo, East Baton Rouge, and St. Gabriel Parishes. For more information, please contact Tiffany Wilkerson-Franklin, Program Coordinator at (225)-771-2775.

Letter of appreciation from LCIW



SU Ag Center, Omega Fraternity Join Forces to Promote Community Gardening



Community gardening activity in Baton Rouge



The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and the SU Ag Center collaborated to assist four community groups in establishing and maintaining their gardens during the Community Service component of the 76<sup>th</sup> Annual 9<sup>th</sup> District Omega Psi Phi Meeting held recently in Baton Rouge, La.

SU Ag Center County Agent and Omega member Terrence Marshall, Stephanie Ellwood, Extension Associate, and Omega District Community Service Chairman Donald Batiste organized the event with fraternity members participating from the 9<sup>th</sup> District, which is composed of chapters from Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas, and Oklahoma.

The fraternity members constructed fences, built container boxes and garden plots, planted vegetables and flowers, mowed grass, and performed other beautification activities. These gardens included: The Garden of Champions; The Stump of Hope; From the Bottom to the Top; and Avira's Rainbow Community Gardens. The Baton Rouge Garden Alliance, Ms. Ollie Doucette, Ms. Sharon Terrace, Ms. Aldremer Smith, and Ms. Marva Coleman, Coordinators, were the recipients of this community service effort.

The host chapters for the Omega District Meeting were Beta Sigma- Southern University; Theta Kappa- LSU; Delta Tau-Plaquemine; Lambda Alpha- Baton Rouge, and Lambda Kappa Kappa - Baton Rouge.

For more information, contact: Terrence Marshall at 225.389.3055.

## Marshall Holds WPS Pesticide Handlers' Workshop for SU Ag Workers

East Baton Rouge Parish County Agent Terrence Marshall held a Worker Protection Standard Pesticide Handlers' Workshop to certify SU Baton Rouge and Ag Center workers in the safe handling and use of "restricted use" pesticides. The training is mandated by The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and was established through the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) in 1996 to ensure workers who handle pesticides are aware of the dangers involved in pesticide handling and the necessary steps to take in the event of an emergency.

SU Ag Center employees who completed the training as certified safe pesticide handlers included: Curtis Chisley, Travis Collins, Arthur Dayton, Lisa Gray, Todd Hill, and Charles Holiday. SU Baton Rouge employees who also completed the workshop were Willie Sensley and Cordell Veal. The certification is valid for five years.

Also, Marshall conducted a Private Pesticide Applicators' Recertification Workshop for clientele in East Baton Rouge Parish. Farmers and homeowners who use restricted-use pesticides must become certified through a testing procedure to enable them purchase those pesticides. Once certified, they must attend a refresher workshop every three years to maintain their certification. The workshop included sessions on Pesticides and Nuisance Animal Control led by Dr. Don Reed, Wildlife Specialist, LSU Ag Center. Marshall conducted the sessions on Pesticide Handlers and the Worker Protection Standard, and Pesticide Spray Drift. A total of 30 participants were re-certified as private pesticide applicators.

For more information, contact: Terrence Marshall at 225.389.3055



WPS Pesticide Handler Training



EBR PPA Recertification Workshop

**Caddo Correctional Center benefits from financial planning workshops**

Katherine Ervin, parent educator, Bossier Parish, conducted four financial planning workshops at the Caddo Correctional Center on February 7, 20, 21 and 27<sup>th</sup>. The workshops attracted 160 inmate participants. The purpose of classes was to prepare inmates for release by enhancing their understanding, knowledge, and skills that will enable them to assume economic roles and make financial decisions with confidence and competence.

They learned that managing their finances is a decision, a determination, a mindset and focus that must remain throughout their life time.

The inmates also learned that they need to “earn it, manage it, oversee it, and take care of it” like a “Rock Star.” Ms. Ervin shared with the participants that it is not how much money you make, but what you save versus what you spend that determines your wealth. She emphasized the importance of knowing how much income to expect over a period of time and to budget accordingly.

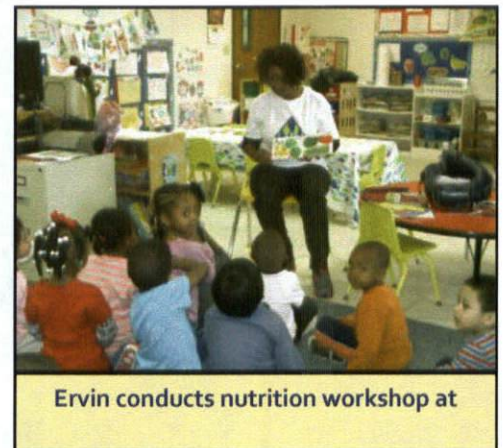


Financial planning workshop session at

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Ervin also conducted nutrition workshops at Hooter Park A. Head Start Center on February 6, 7, & 13. She visited 12 classes and read from several books on nutrition. Workshops aimed at motivating youth to adopt healthy eating practices and active physical lifestyles consistent with the Dietary Guidelines for Americans.

It encourages them to eat more fruits and vegetables at an early age. The new model of proper nutrition from the USDA, “MyPlate” was also introduced to the youth. Educational activities books and a box of colors and “Fuel Up with Healthy Foods” activities books were presented to 135 youth to take home and continue the learning experience with their parents. These books are developed by the state office (Fuel up with healthy Foods).



Ervin conducts nutrition workshop at

FACULTY AND STAFF ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND ACTIVITIES

**Fatemeh Malekian**, associate professor, nutrition, SU Ag Center was recently named Alumna of the year by Louisiana State University. Malekian was honored with the award on March 20. Malekian serves as adjunct faculty in LSU Department of Food Science.



Malekian with Ruth Patrick, LSU Professor Emeritus, nutrition



L-r: Adell Brown, Ruth Patrick, Fatemeh Malekian, Kenneth Koonce and Donnie Miller

**Mr. Odis Hill**, Assistant Area Agent, Morehouse and Union Parishes, and **Mrs. Carolyn Robinson**, Associate Area Extension Agent, East and West Carroll Parishes provided educational workshops on gardening practices and nutritional value of fresh fruits and vegetables at HV Adams Elementary School in Bastrop, LA.

Fifth grade students, administrators, teachers and volunteers participated in the showing of the school garden. On March 7, Dr. Gina E. Eubanks, Vice chancellor for Extension, and Kasundra Cyrus, Specialist, Family and Consumer Sciences, traveled from Baton Rouge for the event, which featured five student presenta-

tions on their “garden to table” experiential learning.



Participants in the garden

**Fatemeh Malekian**, Nutrition Professor, conducted training on new dietary guidelines/MyPlate, nutrition and food safety in Crowley, Louisiana on February 7. There were 30 participants from surrounding childcare/head starts.

Malekian is a member of Mayor’s Healthy City Initiative. In August

2012, the Fresh Beginnings Program, developed through Mayor-President Kip Holden’s Healthy City Initiative, was awarded a \$1 million grant from the Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Louisiana Foundation’s Challenge for a Healthier Louisiana Grant Program. Fresh Beginnings leverages high-impact partnerships which promote food access, healthy eat-

ing, & active lifestyles in North & Old South Baton Rouge, with a focus on zip codes 70807, 70805, and part of 70802. Fresh Beginnings has the potential to reach over 61,000 residents.

## SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND EXTENSION CENTER

### FACULTY AND STAFF ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND ACTIVITIES CONTD.

**Patricia Lee**, Assistant Area Agent, DeSoto & Caddo Parishes attended the spring advisory meeting, held in the Dave Means Extension Office in Grand Cane, DeSoto Parish on March 14. Joining Lee from DeSoto and Caddo Parishes were 16 participants. Louise McDonald, Retired LSU 4-H Agent facilitated the meeting, and Mrs. Cheryl Gray from DeSoto Health Unit served as recorder.



Participants at the advisory meeting

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**April 27:** Louisiana Small Farmer Ag Leadership Institute. Contact: [Dr. Dawn Mellion-Patin](#) at 225-771-3532.

**May 4:** Small ruminant field day, Ag Center, 8 am-5 pm. For further details, please contact Lisa Gray at 225-771-3843 or via email at [lisa\\_gray@suagcenter.com](mailto:lisa_gray@suagcenter.com)

**May 18:** Louisiana Small Farmer Ag Leadership Institute. Contact: [Dr. Dawn Mellion-Patin](#) at 225-771-3532.

**June 1-30:** La. Food & Ag Sciences Academy Residential Program. Contact: [Dr. Dawn Mellion-Patin](#) at 225-771-3532.

**June 13-15:** La. Food & Ag Sciences Academy Urban Garden & Gulf Coast Tour, New Orleans. Contact: [Dr. Dawn Mellion-Patin](#) at 225-771-3532.

**June 13-15:** Annual Family and Youth Exposition. For further detail, contact Dr. Wanda Burke at 225-771-2242.

**June 29:** Louisiana Small Farmer Ag Leadership Institute. Contact: [Dr. Dawn Mellion-Patin](#) at 225-771-3532.



Greetings,

Southern University at New Orleans continues to make tremendous strides as we move towards the close of the Spring Semester. First we must praise everyone who was involved in the development and implementation of our

Memorandum of Understanding with the Algiers Charter School Association to bring a Westbank Satellite Campus to the L.B. Landry Educational Complex. Principal Mary Laurie brought a vision for this partnership to the University and we immediately sprung into action to make it a reality.

Beginning this fall, students will have the option of taking first-year courses and earning credits that will move them towards a four-year degree. The potential economic impact for our region is tremendous.

SUNO has also moved towards expanding its online course offerings. Those who wish to complete their degrees can earn a Bachelor of Arts in General Studies

or they can take advantage of SUNO's renowned Master of Arts in Museum Studies. Consistently, the University has remained focused on creating new and more accessible options for learners wherever they may be.

Our students continue to perform and demonstrate excellence

throughout the nation. More than 20 students represented SUNO at the 70th joint annual meeting of Beta Kappa Chi (BKX) National Scientific Honor Society and the National Institute of Science (NIS) in Washington, D.C. Students were able to attend a

number of lectures in the area of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math), network with peers and representatives from graduate programs and present research through oral and poster platforms.

On the court, the SUNO Lady Knights earned their way into the NAIA national tournament by winning the Gulf Coast Athletic Conference tourney championship. April Perry earned GCAC Player of the

Year honors and was named 2nd Team All American. Congratulations to Head Coach Elston King and the entire team for the way they represented SUNO this year.

SUNO has some very important activities this month as well; International Day, our SGA elections and of course, Honors and Awards Day. This year Southern University at New Orleans is honored to have Judge Bernette J. Johnson, the first black Chief Justice of the Louisiana Supreme Court, as our keynote speaker. It should be a historic event for all in attendance. Thank you all for another outstanding month here at SUNO.

Sincerely,

Victor Ukpolo, Ph.D.



ACSA CEO Adrian Morgan, O. Perry Walker Principal Mary Laurie and Chancellor Victor Ukpolo are all smiles after the signing of their historic MOU.



SUNO students and faculty at the 70th Joint Annual Meeting of Beta Kappa Chi and the National Institute of Science.



## DIVISION OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

The Dean, Associate Dean, Chairs of Departments and the Director of General Studies attended a meeting called by President Ronald Mason on Wednesday, March 20, 2013 in Baton Rouge. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the EoServe Company's contract to partnership with SUNO on Online course delivery.

## DEPARTMENT OF ARTS AND HUMANITIES



Barrister's Gallery hosted an exhibition including the works of Fine Art Professor Cynthia Ramirez.

Ms. Cynthia Ramirez, Professor of Fine Art, is included in a group art exhibition entitled "Her Infinite Variety" through the month of March at the Barrister's Gallery in New Orleans. She also juried the Lacombe Artist's Guild's jury competition on March 22-24 at the St. Tammany Regional Hospital in Lacombe, La. Professor Ramirez was also the curator of an exhibition of SUNO student Crystal Taylor entitled "Rejuvenated Roots" in SUNO's library. It is an exhibition of portraits in charcoal. The exhibit will be on view from March 20-May 6.

## GENERAL STUDIES PROGRAM

University Awards Day: Ms. Marina Dumas-Haynes served as the program leader for the General Studies Program for the Awards Day. The General Studies Program is recognizing two Outstanding Award recipients with plaques; twenty-four majors with 3.0 and above grade point averages for Fall and Spring 2012; and two students [Mr. Marvin Genitty and Ms. Andre' Summers] for the highest grade point averages enrolled in the program during the Fall and Spring 2012 semesters.

### Dr. Mary R. Vaughn

Conducting Faculty Research on Service-Learning

Participated in Webinar: Taskstream: Innovating with e-Portfolios: Follow-Up

Q&A with Loyola University Chicago, March 6, 2013

## HEALTH INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS

The program has secured a "Memorandum of Understanding" with Children's Hospital in New Orleans, LA.

Mrs. LaTanya Brittentine is Program Chair for Annual state Health Information Management Association conference in Shreveport - April 2013.

Professional Outreach to Students & Community:

Several of the HIMS graduating seniors were offered jobs within the HIMS field after enrolling in HIMS 420:

- Alicia Davis - St. James Parish Hospital, Lusher, LA
- Angela Serpas - Ochsner Health System, Northshore
- Aaron Byrd - Children's Hospital, New Orleans, LA



**CHILDREN'S  
HOSPITAL**

The SUNO Health Information Management Systems program entered into an MOU with Children's Hospital.

Fourteen (14) students will graduate in the HIMIS Program in the Spring of 2013.

## MUSEUM STUDIES PROGRAM

Dr. David Riep's Collections Management class continued to work with the staff at the Pitot House on Bayou St. John. The students have been completing hands-on collections management projects and developing a collections management policy for the institute. In addition, this class will begin working at the McKenna Museum, and completing similar tasks. Dr. Riep also assisted students in installing exhibits of African art at Livaudias and Harney Elementary Schools, and implementing an educational program for the students at these schools.

Mr. Tommy Ryan's exhibition of African Art from the Wolff Collection is on display in the Multi-Purpose Building at SUNO.

## COLLEGE OF BUSINESS & PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

### Accreditation & Academic Excellence Initiatives:

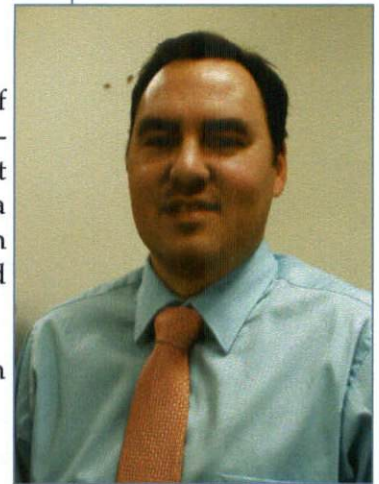
A meeting will be held by CBA Dean (Dr. Igwe E. Udeh), SBDMI Director (Ms. Cynthia Beaulieu), and several CBA faculty and staff on Wednesday, March 27, 2013 in the College of Business Building with Chasm+Fusion Architecture to review and work out the schematic designs and other details for the proposed on-campus **Small Business Incubator Building**. The initial bids for the building came in over the cap and as such the design will be scaled back and advertised again. In attendance also will be Ms. Ellen Jenkins Project Manager, State of Louisiana Facility Planning & Control; Shaun Lewis, Director, SUNO Facilities Department; and Mr. Endis Vincent and team members from the SUS Facilities Planning office.

On Tuesday, March 5, 2013 at 11 AM, an audience of Southern University at New Orleans students, faculty, and staff had a rare opportunity to learn lessons in business ethics from **Mr. Gordon S. Massie**. Mr. Massie, a former high-level executive in charge of the Leveraged Finance Group for American International Group (AIG), is the author of the book, *The Whistleblower's Dilemma*. Mr. Massie spoke about the difficult ethical challenges that he faced in dealing with fraud at AIG. The talk was organized by SUNO faculty members Dr. H. Kevin Fulk and Dr. Louis C. Mancuso, with the support of the SUNO Foundation and Dean Igwe Udeh. This event was the first talk in a planned business ethics speaker series in the SUNO College of Business and Public Administration.

The President of *Society for Financial Education & Professional Development (SFE&PD)*, **Mr. Ted Daniels**, presented a financial literacy and career development seminar to over 100 students and faculty in Room 100 of CBA Building on Monday, March 18, 2013. The session was attended by students from every discipline on campus. In addition to his presentations, Mr. Daniels answered numerous questions from students, faculty and staff on strategies for overcoming past mistakes and/or for improving financial health.

### Presentations at Professional Conferences

Muhammed Miah will present a paper titled "*Representing High-Volume High*



Dr. David Riep has helped install African Art exhibits at two local elementary schools.



Gordon Massie addressed business ethics to a group of SUNO students on March 5, 2013.

*Dimension Data*" during the **International Academy of Business and Public Disciplines (IABPAD)** Conference, April 2013.

Drs. Obyung Kwun, H. Kevin Fulk, and Ghasem S. Alijani presented a paper titled "*Factors That Affect Successful Use of Smart Phones in M-learning Environment*" at the **Allied Academies International Conference**, March 27th-29th 2013, New Orleans, LA

Drs. Ghasem S. Alijani, Louis Mancuso, Obyung Kwun, and Mr. Gulsah Topcuoglu presented a paper titled "*The Role of Integrated Web-based Business Characteristics in Consumers Selections*" at the **Allied Academies International Conference**, March 27th-29th 2013, New Orleans, LA

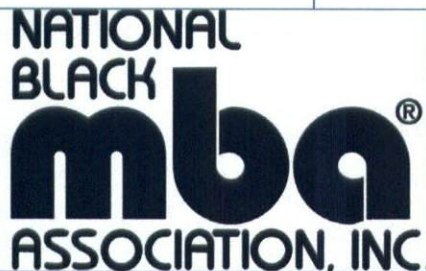
Drs. Ghasem Alijani, Adnan Omar, H. Kevin Fulk, and Mr. Rohit Tulsi presented a paper titled "*Cloud Computing Effects' on Small Business*" at the **Allied Academies International Conference**, March 27th-29th 2013, New Orleans, LA

Dr. Ghasem Alijani, *chairing the "Interdisciplinary" session* at the Allied Academies International Conference, March 27th-29th 2013, New Orleans, LA

#### **Professional Outreach to Students & Community:**

Dr. Igwe E. Udeh, Dean of the College of Business & Public Administration was invited by the **Louisiana Interchurch Council** to present a paper during its 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference, on March 4, 2013, in New Orleans, Louisiana. The title of Dr. Udeh's presentation was "*Practical Models from Business and Education to Lift Louisianans out of Poverty: Perspectives from SUNO College of Business*". Also in attendance and presenting were two CBA students - Ms. Tanya Ralph, senior majoring in Public Administration, and Mr. Lee Holden, senior majoring in Business Entrepreneurship. Several SUNO officials, including Chancellor Victor Ukpolo, Vice Chancellor Gloria Moultrie, CBA Director of Student Services, Mrs. Tim Bailey, and Southern University Systems President, Dr. Ronald Mason, Jr. were in attendance.

Dr. Adrine Harrell-Carter, Assistant Professor of Business, and the SUNO Chapter of the **National Black MBA** hosted a workshop on Entrepreneurship at McDonough 35 High School for the DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America) students. The DECA program teaches students about Entrepreneurship, Marketing, Management and Finance. The DECA students are operating two businesses on McDonough 35 campus - a print shop and cookie bouquet shop. SUNO's Black MBA students shared their experience as students majoring in Entrepreneurship. The SUNO Black MBA students also gave the high school students helpful tips on running the two businesses. The DECA students really enjoyed the presentation.



The SUNO Chapter of the National Black MBA Association hosted an Entrepreneurship Workshop at McDonough 35 High School.

The **SUNO Black MBA Association and the MIS Club** sponsored an *Easter Egg Hunt* at Helen Coghill Academy at the Parkview site in New Orleans, on March 28, 2013. The participants prepared baskets for the 1st grade kids. The SUNO clubs made presentation to the kids about the importance of sharing and working together to achieve a common goal. Lunch was also provided by SUNO.

SUNO Black MBA association will be hosting a workshop for *LOT (Leaders of*

*Tomorrow*) during the month of April 2013. LOT consists of high school students from Orleans and Jefferson Parish. The presentation will be on how to successfully matriculate through college. The SUNO students will also share their college life experiences with the participants.

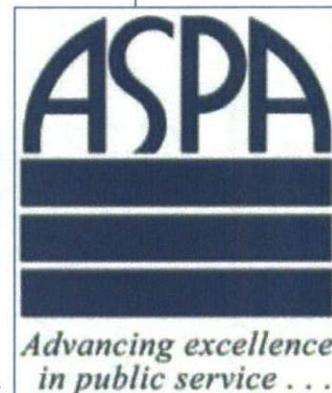
Dr. Jennifer O'Sullivan, Assistant Professor of Finance, started student chapters of both *Information Systems Audit and Control Association (ISACA)* and *an Investments Group*. She took the four newly inaugurated members of the ISACA group to an ISACA lunch/seminar on Thursday, March 21, 2013. The students learned about Cyber Security and networked with several IT professionals. The Investments Group held its first meeting on Tuesday, March 19, 2013. They discussed topics that they want to learn more about as well as discussed going to the Tulane Burkenroad Conference on April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

The *MIS Club* (Travis Ball, President and Muhammed Miah, Advisor) held the MIS Day on Monday, March 18, 2013. Two guest speakers: Mr. Mike Small, President, Computech NP Solutions, Inc (also Member of Board of Supervisors, Southern University System); and Mr. John Poye, Vice President, Fidelity Homestead Bank delivered speech to the students, faculty and staff of College of Business and Public Administration. The speakers talked about job opportunities in MIS field, how students can adequately prepare for them. Those in attendance enjoyed and learned a lot from the two presentations. Several important questions were fielded by the guest speakers.

The *American Society for Public Administration (ASPA)* held its annual conference on March 15-March 19, 2013 in Hilton Riverside, New Orleans, Louisiana. Dr. Biruk Alemayehu and Dr. Patricia Robertson participated in the ASPA conference together with eight (8) Public Administration students, who volunteered on the conference. In addition, four (4) Public Administration students participated in the Student Policy Debate, on Sunday, March 17, 2013. The debate was organized by one of the ASPA section, *Conference for Minority Public Administrators (COMPA)* and lead by Dr. L. Frances P. Liddel, Student Policy Debate Coordinator. There were a total of 12 students from different universities that participated in the debate. The students who volunteered and participated on the conference were as follows: Tanya Ralph; Y'Unekia Joseph; Nelson Lashaunda; Jerinika Jones; Rocsean Spencer; Tommy Hailey; and Rose Cager. The SUNO Public Administration students who participated on the debate were as follows: Tanya Ralph (Recognition for Participation); Y'Unekia Joseph (Recognition for Participation); Tommy Hailey (Award); and Rose Cager (Award). These students were randomly assigned into four (4) different groups. Two of the groups won the debate and (2) of our students Tommy Hailey and Rose Cager were among the group who won the award for the debate.

Dr. Igwe E. Udeh, Dean and Mrs. Cynthia Beaulieu, SBDMI Director, attended the meeting of the *Louisiana Workforce and Economic Development Council*, hosted by the Louisiana Board of Regents, Baton Rouge, LA, on Friday, March 22, 2013.

**DBE Panel:** Dr. Frank Martin, Chair of the Business Entrepreneurship Department,



Dr. Biruk Alemayehu and Dr. Patricia Robertson participated in the annual ASPA conference.

participated in the State and Local Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Panel which certifies small businesses as disadvantaged for the City of New Orleans, the New Orleans Sewerage & Water Board, the Aviation Board, and Caesar's (formerly Harrah's) Casino March 21, 2013.



Dr. Simeon Okpechi with the assistance of several CBA students has been providing free income tax preparation to low income clients in the community under the sponsorship of the *Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program*, from March 2013.

For the second consecutive year, SUNO students are providing free tax assistance to low-income families.

Cynthia K. Beaulieu, Director of SUNO's Small Business Development & Management Institute, and Ms Adero Lewis, Coordinator of SUNO Business Incubator Center in New Orleans-East attended the **LED-SEBD Quarterly Meeting** in Alexandria, LA March, 2013

#### Office of Student Services (OSS)

OSS hosted an orientation/informational session for new CBA students

OSS travelled with CBA faculty and students to tour the Nissan Automotive Plant in Canton, MS where students received invaluable information on production management, supply chain, machine algorithms, and basic business practices. Much of the information was delivered by an SUBR trained (head of his department) design engineer

OSS travelled with the dean and CBA students to the Louisiana Interchurch Conference where the dean and two students were presenters: CBA and students accomplishments were highlighted

OSS identified and contacted Sigma Beta Delta nominees via classroom visits to announce and personally hand-deliver letter of nomination, to encourage classmates to strive for excellence

OSS updated 2006-2012 cohort data

OSS tracks current data on CBA retention and graduation profile from 2006 to 2012

OSS contacted via email and phone CBA students in danger of failing after mid-term grades were posted, particularly cohort students as part of its ongoing retention effort

OSS participated in successful BEEP activities and encouraged student participation

#### **College of Education & Human Development:**

Faculty participated in the CDFS Departmental meetings at 10:00 a.m. on Fridays, March 1 and 15, 2013, where AAFCS accreditation updates were provided.

#### Early Childhood Education

The Board of Regents Progress Report on Early Childhood Education was submitted.

### Elementary Education

Dr. Louise Kaltenbaugh (Director, Alternative Certification) attended the CAEP Conference in Louisville, KY. She also completed two Title III midyear grant reports: Certification-Only and Accreditation in CoE &HD. Dr. Kaltenbaugh submitted comments to Boyce Williams regarding CAEP standards.

### **Grant Submissions:**

#### Child Development and Family Studies

Ms. Carson received \$39,520.00 from New Orleans Recreation Department Commission (NORDC) for the summer 2013 Healthy Minds-Healthy Bodies Learning Institute. She continued to chair weekly meetings with the 2013 Healthy Minds-Healthy Bodies Learning Institute Grant Committee in preparation for the next phase of the Program.

Dr. Wanga and Dr. Bordenave met with Dr. Marva Lewis of Tulane University, School of Social Work to finalize steps for submission of the Institute of Mental Health (IMH) infant attachment grant and other collaborative research interests via emails and in person on March 12 and 26, 2013. Dr. Bordenave met with Drs. Wanga and Belisle on Monday, March 18, 2013 to discuss the routing procedure for the grant. The grant proposal will be submitted to the IMH on Tuesday, April 2, 2013. Dr. Wanga and Dr. Bordenave conducted follow-up meetings with Dr. Lewis on Tuesday, March 26, 2013. Ms. Carson attended the mandatory meeting with Healthy Minds-Healthy Bodies (HMHB) funding source on Friday, March 1 and chaired weekly meetings with the 2013 Healthy Minds-Healthy Bodies Learning Institute Grant Committee in preparation for the next phase of the Program.

### Elementary Education

Dr. Deborah Darby (Assistant Professor, Elementary Education) continues implementation of the Broadband Technology Opportunities (BTOP) Grant - funded through Portland State University. She also submitted the monthly report for Portland State University Learner Web to the New Orleans Learner Web Manager. She has also enlisted the services of an additional tutor for the BTOP - Learner Web.

### **Workshops, Conferences and Scholarly Activities:**

#### Child Development and Family Studies

Ms. Carson attended classes for the Doctor of Philosophy in Urban Forestry Program at Southern University and A&M College, College of Agricultural and Family and Consumer Sciences. She worked on an article on the "Significance of Community to Individual and Family Well-Being", for the AAFCS Journal in response to acceptance of the abstract and working with AAFCS - COP partners to facilitate the Pre-Conference Workshop, "Overcoming the Obesity Crisis: We Can Make a Difference", scheduled for presentation during the AAFCS 104th Annual Conference and Expo to be held in June 2013. In addition, Ms. Carson, participated as a committee member for the AAFCS's Obesity Prevention Community Wellness Campaign, "Healthy Lifestyles-

- AAFCS Leading by Example" started on January 5, 2013 to coincide with New Year resolutions and will end on April 30, 2013. She performed duties as President-Elect of the Louisiana Association of Family and Consumer Sciences and met with the current LAFCS President and Executive Director.

All CDFS faculty and the Director, Dr. Wanga presented at the "A Community Voice Housing, Jobs, and Healthcare Fair" held all day at St. Maria Goretti Center in New Orleans East on Saturday, March 2, 2013. Dr. Wanga presented on "Finding the Way to Success and Leadership in Your Job, with a focus on Writing a Winning Résumé and Professionalism"; Dr. Bordenave presented on "Children and Stress: Causes and Solution"; Ms. Carson on Health and Wellness: Embracing and Managing Changes in the Body; Dr. Bachus on Health and Stress: Awareness for Children and Families, and Dr. Mayo-Theus, along with students enrolled in her class, CDFS 430: Family and Social Policy, presented on Marketing You and your Skills: Staying Ahead of the Game While Looking for a Job. Dr. Bordenave also presented on "Racial disparities in children with behavior problems in school: Causes and solutions" at the Race, Gender & Class Conference on Thursday, March 7, 2013, and on Wednesday, March 13, submitted a proposal on "Changes in the home and the impact on children's behavior" for consideration for presentation to AAFCS 104<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference in Houston in June 2013. Dr. Bordenave also reviewed a manuscript, "Beyond the Core" for publication in Focus on *Pk/K Journal* on Friday, March 22, 2013.

Dr. Bordenave's article, "Families in the Know: Part I" was published in Modern Parents Digest, of March 2013, Volume II, Issue II.

Ms. Carson attended the Louisiana Association for Family and Consumer Science (LAFCS) Annual meeting on Friday, March 8, 2013, was sworn in as President of LAFCS, and assumed the duties of the position. She continues collaboration with AAFCS's COP Committee members to facilitate the "Pre-Conference Workshop: Overcoming the Obesity Crisis: We Can Make a Difference", scheduled during the AAFCS 104<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference and Expo to held in Houston Texas June 26-29, 2013.

In addition, starting on January 5, 2013 and ending on April 30, 2013, to coincide with the New Year Resolutions, she has participated as a committee member for the AAFCS - The Obesity Prevention Community Wellness Campaign: "Healthy Lifestyles-- AAFCS Leading by Example". Ms. Carson attended the Southern University and A&M College, Agricultural Research and Extension Center Symposium: "Sustainable Natural Resources in Changing Climate on Tuesday, March 19, 2013.

Dr. Mayo-Theus attended and presented on Walking It Out: SUNO -AARP Soul Steppers Embracing Healthy Lifestyles from Research to Practice in New Orleans, Louisiana at the LAFCS Conference on March 8, 2013. Dr. Wanga represented Dr. Bacchus on the same conference and spoke from her Poster Board and hand-outs on the Impact of Mental Health Issues on Children, Families, and communities. Dr. Mayo-Theus participated in the Military Child Education Coalition Teleconference on March 16, 2013 and attended and presented on Progressive



Dr. Sherry Bacchus had her materials presented at the LAFCS Conference.

Alternatives in Re-establishing Family Bonds: An Inside Look at Helping Girls with Incarcerated Mothers Beyond the Bars at the Race Gender and Class Conference at UNO on Saturday, March 9, 2013. She submitted proposals to the National Conference on Race and Ethnicity in Higher Education Conference to be held in New Orleans May 28-June 2, 2013 on Hurricane Katrina Revisited: Families and Social Justice, Reflections from SUNO, Dillard and Xavier University Students; Teaching and Learning with a Disability in Today's Higher Education Classroom; Supporting Children with Incarcerated Parents: Diverse Communities Moving from Research to Action. These proposals represent all CDFS faculty and Director as well as other CoE &HD faculty. Dr. Mayo-Theus attended the School of Social Work's Military Forum at SUNO on Saturday, March 23, 2013. She continues to work on two journal articles for submission in Spring 2013.

#### Elementary Education

Mr. Charlie Johnson (Assistant Professor, Elementary Education) attended the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning meeting. He has also planned an Educational Technology and Learning Conference for April 20, 2013.

#### **Professional Outreach to Students and Community:**

##### Child Development and Family Studies

Ms. Carson site visited Community Voice in New Orleans East and followed up with communications to establish Inter-institutional Agreements for CDFS field experience and Practicum placements. She attended mandatory NORDC and other community partners meetings to plan and prepare for the 2013 Healthy Minds Healthy Bodies summer program.

Dr. Bachus, Dr. Bordenave, Ms. Carson, and Dr. Mayo-Theus attended the CoE &HD Praxis Intervention Mentoring and Motivation Subcommittee meetings on March 6, 11, and 18, 2013. Dr. Mayo-Theus is Chair of this subcommittee.

Dr. Bordenave and Ms. Carson participated in student recruitment during SUNO Day Lake Area Early College Preparation High School at 10:00 until 10:45 on Friday, March 15, 2013 and co-facilitated the Fatherhood Focus Group of SUNO students who are fathers with Dr. Petrice Sams-Abiodun of Loyola University's Women in Fatherhood, Inc. on Tuesday, March 19, 2013 in the SUNO Student/Faculty Housing Complex. Dr. Wanga visited classes in CDFS 207 and 346 (Dr. Bordenave); CDFS 302 (Ms. Carson) on Monday, March 4, 2013 at 6:15 p.m. and 6:45 p.m., respectively and CDFS 325 (Bachus) on Tuesday, March 5, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. Visits to the other classes were scheduled for later in March. The purpose of the visits was to provide a forum for students to suggest feedback for improvement of the CDFS course offerings and other services. On Wednesday, March 6, 2013 at 1:00 p.m., Dr. Wanga attended the Faculty PRAXIS meeting in the Multi-Purpose Building to encourage Arts and Sciences faculty teaching general education classes to take and pass PRAXIS so they can better assist teacher education candidates with PRAXIS content and, therefore, increase the passing rate in the test. Later the same day at 5:00 p.m., Dr. Wanga presented and facilitated a Parent Involvement Workshop for parents whose children are enrolled in the HOPE



Community Resource Center After School Tutoring Program. Dr. Wanga is Secretary to the Board of the HCRC. On Wednesday, March 13 at 12:30 p.m., Dr. Bachus presented on Mental Health for Teachers and Students to the CoE & HD faculty and students enrolled in EDUC 480: Student Teaching Seminar. On Monday, March 18, 2013 at 5:00 p.m., Dr. Bachus and Dr. Wanga visited the Southern United Neighborhoods (SUN) located at 3401 St. Claude Avenue in the Lower Ninth Ward of New Orleans, to observe a CDFS intern on Practicum at the site.

Dr. Wanga visited United Way of South East Louisiana at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 21 to observe a CDFS intern at the site, located on 2515 Canal Street in New Orleans. Overall, Dr. Wanga met with and advised eight (8) students on Practicum assignment this spring Semester of 2013 and fifteen (15) others seeking information regarding the CDFS program or needing to be pre-advised for Summer and Fall 2013. Dr. Wanga submitted a Draft Summer and Fall 2013 CDFS Course Schedule to Ms. Gilda Davis by the due date of Friday, March 1, 2013 and emailed Mid-Semester Evaluations to Practicum Site Supervisors.

Ms. Carson met with community partners, such as LSU Agriculture Center and A's and Aces, to discuss community and university collaborations on activities for the both HMHB program and SUNO students' employment and professional development and participated as the Health and Nutrition Advisor in the SUNO Student Advocacy Committee's Kick Butts day event, engaging students in personal advisement on health and nutrition as it relates to academic success.

Dr. Bachus continued to counsel children with mental health disorders and had sessions with children who were physically and sexually abused.

Dr. Mayo-Theus and a guest speaker from AARP, Mrs. Linneda McIver, Community Outreach Manager from the AARP Soul Steppers program engaged students in CDFS 430 & CDFS 395 in an AAFCS webinar on Women's Healthy Lifestyles commemorating Women's Month. She continued to engage students in CDFS 453: Research Methods in preparation for the SUNO Research Forum in Fall, 2013 by having them attend and listen to the Race, Gender and Class Conference at UNO on Saturday, March 8, 2013. Dr. Mayo-Theus also attended the New Orleans Faith Based Initiative on Crime in the City of New Orleans, the Community Outreach Group for Military Families in New Orleans, and Girl Scouts - Beyond Bars and attended the monthly meetings of the NAACP, National Urban League of Greater New Orleans and United Way Women United. She participated in the City of New Orleans' Financial Coalition Ceremony in commemorating Financial Literacy Month on March 2, 2013. During Spring Break, March 26-27, 2013, she attended the National Forum to Encourage Lower-Income Household Savings (America Saves) and The National Association of Equal Opportunity in Higher Education Conference (NAFEO) on March 27-28, 2013 both in Washington, D.C. Dr. Mayo-Theus also attended the Crescent City Classic on Saturday, March 30, 2013.

Dr. Bachus presented on "Diversity, Race, and Ethnicity in Mental Health Care" at the Race, Gender & Class Conference on March 7-9, 2013 at the University of New

Orleans. In addition, her abstract on "The Impact of Mental Health Issues on Children, Families, and Communities" has been accepted for oral presentation at the National Conference on Race and Ethnicity (NCORE) in Higher Education to be held in New Orleans May 29-June 1, 2013.

All CDFS faculty, and the Director, Dr. Wanga, participated in the inaugural Planning Meeting of the CDFS Alumni Association Meeting on Saturday, March 30, 2013.

### Elementary Education

Dr. Deborah Darby conducted community/faith-based tutorials and enrichments activities, provided *pro bono* services as a consultant in the area of education and economic development, and provided *pro bono* counseling/life coach activities.

Mr. Charlie Johnson chaired the meeting for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Student Art Contest, and curated an art exhibition for the New Orleans African American Museum at the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival Foundation Gallery. He also chaired the Praxis Intervention student town hall meetings.

Dr. Louise Kaltenbaugh attended a SUNO/UNO Master's Program in Education meeting at UNO to explore possible Master's in Education cooperative/collaborative venture.

Dr. Katherine Robinson (Assistant Professor of Elementary Education and PK-16 Coordinator) arranged interview sessions for graduating student teachers with representatives from Jefferson Parish Public School System; St. Bernard Public Schools; and St. Tammany Parish Public School System. She coordinated the interview sessions with the representative from JPPSS. Dr. Robinson, in conjunction with faculty in Child Development and Family Services (CDFS) signed partnership contracts with The Hope Resource Center and The Cognitive Development Mental Health Center.



Dr. Louise Kaltenbaugh represented SUNO in exploring possible collaborations with UNO in a Masters in Education program.

Ms. Gilda Jones conducted three Praxis Workshops for the Elementary Education Content Knowledge (5014/0014) Test (February 18, 19, and 20<sup>th</sup>), and conducted one workshop for the Principles for Learning and Teaching (PLT) (March 16<sup>th</sup>). She also presented and examined Louisiana Testing Requirements to audiences attending the CoE & HD town hall meetings held on February 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> as well as March 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>.

### **Other University-related activities:**

#### Child Development and Family Studies

Ms. Carson Performed duties as Faculty Senate Secretary in the General Assembly meetings and attended and participated as a Praxis Intervention Team Subcommittee member in scheduled meetings. She met with organizations for the purpose of establishing and signing Institutional Agreements with COE/HD Child Development

and Family Studies.



SUNO continues to work on a Memorandum of Understanding with between Job One's Youth Pre-GED Program and the College of Education and Human Development.

### Elementary Education

Dr. Deborah Darby attended the Faculty Senate meeting as the representative for the College of Education and Human Development (CoE &HD). She also coordinated and oversaw the completion of the semester Town Hall meeting. Dr. Deborah Darby continues discussions with the director of *Job One* to effect a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between *Job One's* Youth Pre-GED Program and the CoE &HD at Southern University at New Orleans. This program will serve as an opportunity for our teacher candidates (as well as other university students) to fulfill the 60 hour community service requirement – as tutors/mentors for the Pre-GED participants at *Job One*.

Mr. Charlie Johnson chaired the CoE &HD Praxis Intervention Committee meeting, and scheduled a Teacher Education Council (TEC) Meeting for April 11.

Dr. Louise Kaltenbaugh was the keynote speaker at the LA Interchurch 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Assembly. She also conducted a Praxis PLT workshop, to which 13 students attended, and processed three certification-only candidate applications for certification to the State Department of Education. She also attended several CoE &HD Chair and Director's meetings, as well as the monthly faculty meeting. Dr. Kaltenbaugh provided individual consultation to seven Certification-Only candidates regarding program progression and provided individual consultation to three Certification-Only candidates regarding Praxis PLT. She also conducted three Saturday workshops: Classroom Environment, Lesson Design, and LCC/Common Core for incoming Certification-Only candidates.

Dr. Katherine Robinson conducted Seminar for the student teachers. Student teachers were provided information about the appropriate behaviors to display while interviewing.

### **School of Social Work:**

#### Mr. Harry Russell

Worked with SSW Research chair in planning Seminars for Research

Attending Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting

#### Dr. Ben Roberts

Conducted a workshop titled Community Policy Development

Member of a recruiting panel at Delgado Junior College;

**Dr. Jay Hedgpeth**

Submitted a proposal to present at the Gerontological Society of America's 2013 Annual Conference with a student

Presented at Greater New Orleans Elder Action Coalition on Current trends in Gerontological Social Work Research

Follow -up on the Elder Coalition presentation connection: planning an exchange of information with Gerontology Sectin of LSU Hospitals and continued exchange of information with Jefferson Parish Disability / ADA Director

**Mr. Harry Doughty**

Conducted three military /veterans related presentations at the SSW Seminars for Majors



Dr. Ray L. Belton, Chancellor



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## Chancellor's Report • APRIL 2013

### SUSLA Celebrates its' 45th Annual Founders' Day Shirley Roberson, LSUHSC-S, Guest Speaker

Southern University at Shreveport Founder's Day celebration was hosted on March 12th, in the Jesse Stone Lecture Hall. This year's theme was, *"Meeting Challenges, Building Alliances, Creating Opportunities"*.

Mrs. Shirley Roberson was the guest speaker for the occasion. Thirty-four years of her forty-one year career, have been spent at the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center-Shreveport, where she has held research positions in the Departments of Pathology, Pharmacology, Obstetrics and Gynecology and as a Medical Research Specialist in the Department of Pediatrics, Infectious Disease Section. For the past twenty years she has held the administrative position as Director of Multicultural Affairs.



Mrs. Shirley Roberson

The University family, community leaders, and former students and employees were pleased to recognize SUSLA's employee who have served 10 years of service. The notable honorees included: Ms. Linda Anderson-Administrative Assistant, School of Nursing, Professor Kenechukwu E. Anyanachi-Human Anatomy and Physiology, Ms. RaTonya R. Bennett-University Counselor, Counseling Center, Ms. Zenobia Henderson- Assistant Director Upward Bound North, Professor Robert C. Hudson- Electronics Technology and Ms. Raegan C. Stearns-Library Archivist, Black Ethnic Archives.

A University wide reception was held immediately following the convocation on SUSLA's campus in the Johnny L. Vance Multi-Purpose Room.

### 2013 FOUNDERS' DAY HONOREES - 10 YEARS OF SERVICE



Linda Anderson  
Administrative Assistant  
School of Nursing



Kenechukwu E. Anyanachi  
Professor, Human  
Anatomy and Physiology



RaTonya R. Bennett  
University Counselor  
Counseling Center



Zenobia Henderson  
Assistant Director  
Upward Bound North



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Professor  
Electronics Technology



Raegan C. Stearns  
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Black Ethnic Archives

# PLAYBILL

April 18 - 20 • 7:00 p.m. • Jesse Stone Science Lecture Hall

SUSLA's Upstage Drama Troupe goes to Harlem during  
"Annual Festival of the Arts"

## AIN'T MISBEHAVIN'

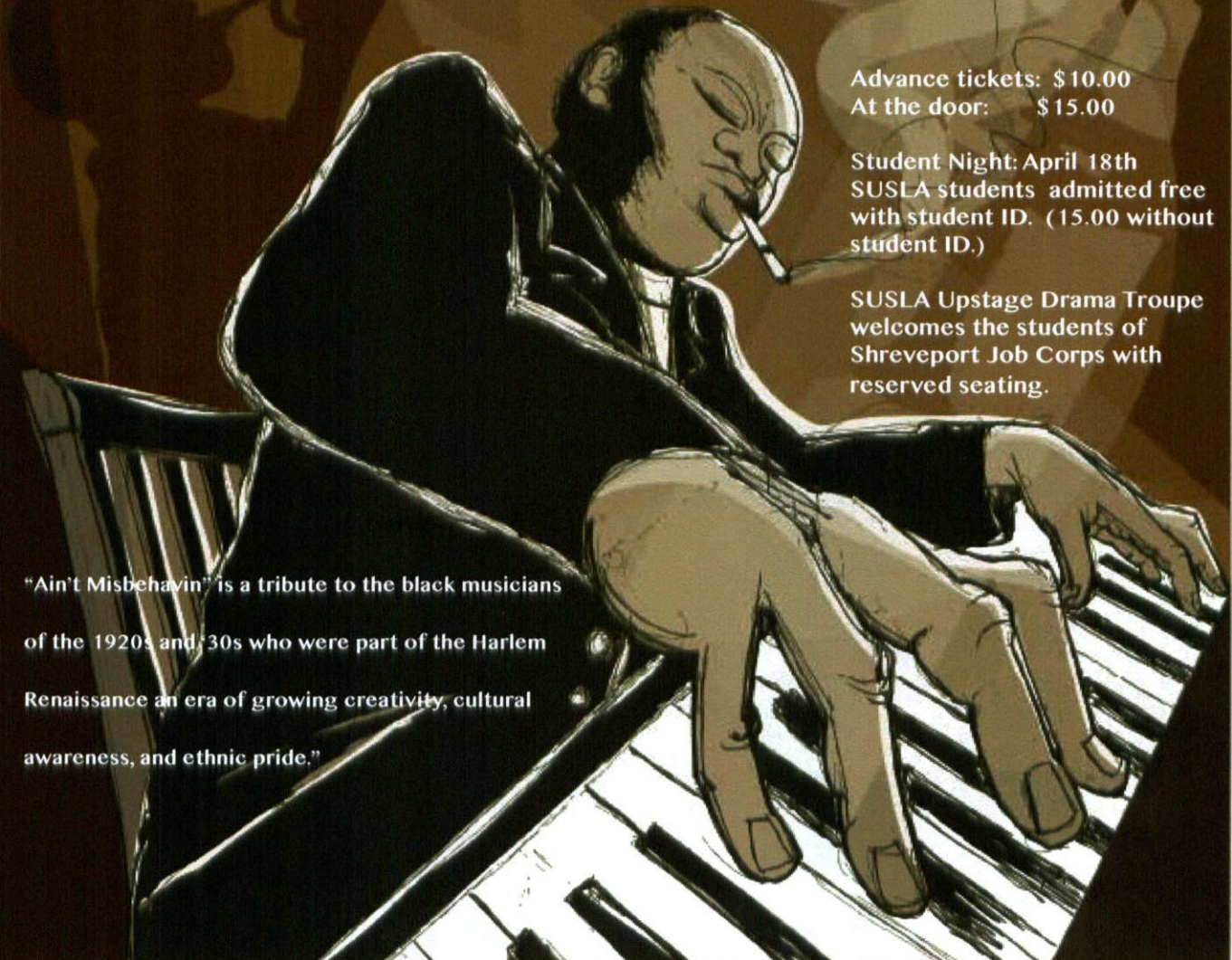
Advance tickets: \$10.00

At the door: \$15.00

Student Night: April 18th

SUSLA students admitted free  
with student ID. (15.00 without  
student ID.)

SUSLA Upstage Drama Troupe  
welcomes the students of  
Shreveport Job Corps with  
reserved seating.



"Ain't Misbehavin'" is a tribute to the black musicians  
of the 1920s and 30s who were part of the Harlem  
Renaissance an era of growing creativity, cultural  
awareness, and ethnic pride."

Starring Timothy Wilson, Carneta Cooper, Brenda Wimberly, Region A. Walpool and Frederick J. Jackson, Jr, this show is the second musical sponsored in part by the Shreveport Regional Arts Council. Sereca Henderson, owner of Musicology and long time Minister of Music at Zion Baptist Church is the Musical Director and pianist for the show for that full stride piano sound so well known in the 1920's. Jane Ryder of Jane Ryder Designs will be creating those roaring 20's outfits and zoot suits for the occasion.



## UNIVERSITY LIBRARY NEWS & EXHIBITS



Raegan C. Stearns  
Library Archivist

### STEARNS SPEAKS ON SUSLA'S BLACK ETHNIC ARCHIVE

On March 8, 2013, Raegan Stearns was the speaker for the Ark-La-Tex Genealogy group's Black History Program held at the Broadmoor Branch Library. Ms. Stearns spoke about the history of the Black Ethnic Archives and highlighted some individuals who has and continues to contribute to Shreveport-Bossier's local history.

### ARCHIVAL NEWS

The Black Ethnic Archives were spotlighted on two national websites in honor of Black History month. They were the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Society of American Archivists of Color Roundtable.

### LIBRARY TOURS

On March 21, 2013, Pre-K students and teachers from J.S. Clark Middle School toured SUSLA Library and the Wendell Wilson exhibit.

### BLACK HISTORY MONTH

In conjunction with the 2013 National Black History Theme, "At the Crossroads of Freedom and Equality: The Emancipation Proclamation and the March on Washington," the SUSLA Library presented movie madness.

The following movie dates/features were:

- "Ain't Scared of Your Jails, 1960-61" – February 18th
- "No Easy Walk, 1962-66" – February 19th
- "Mississippi: Is This America, 1962-64" – February 20th
- "Bridge to Freedom" – February 24th

### LIBRARY HOSTS RECEPTION AND ARTWORK OF BATON ROUGE NATIVE

Southern University at Shreveport's Library hosted a reception on March 18 in honor of artist Wendell Wilson and his exhibit "The Simple Life." Wilson is a native of Jackson Parish and resides in Baton Rouge and the Historic Cane River area. His paintings are in the folk vein and are inspired by his rural background.

Guests included the friends of Wilson, the SUSLA community, and supporters of the Multicultural Center of the South. The Multicultural Center, whose mission is to educate the public about the rich diversity and history of the Shreveport area, generously loaned the artwork to SUSLA for display.

## STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES CELEBRATES NATIONAL **TRiO** DAY

Student Support Services (SSS) chose March 22 to celebrate TRiO Day with the community at Wellington Square Senior Living Center and its residents. Residents of the senior living center planned a day of activities and games with door prizes donated by student support services staff.

National TRiO Day focuses attention on the needs of disadvantaged people aspiring to improve their lives as contributing citizens through education and to celebrate their successes.

Since 1978, SSS program continues to provide comprehensive advisement program to meet the academic, personal, social, and career planning needs of our students.



**SPRING BREAK SAFETY WORKSHOP**- Student Support Services Pre-Spring Break Safety workshop was held on March 19, 2013 at 1:00 pm. The University Police and the Caddo Sheriff office shared safety tips with students before they head off for spring break.



### ANNUAL HEALTH FAIR

SUSLA Counseling Center held its Annual Health Fair and extended an invitation to faculty, staff, students and community participants.

SSS staff members, Nettie Rascoe and Delores Surles participated during the annual health fair with students from the Elite Club who assisted with registration during the health fair.

A colorful poster for an event. The background is dark with floral and abstract patterns. The text is in various colors and fonts. At the bottom, there is a small photo of a woman and the SUSLA logo.

**Annual Spring Motivational Seminar & Induction Ceremony**

**"DETOUR AHEAD... Take Control of Your Dreams"**

**10am**

**Tuesday, April 2**

Jesse N. Stone Lecture Hall

Guest Speaker  
Mrs. Sharon Blalock-Holmes,  
Blalock's Professional Beauty College

**SUSLA**  
SOUTH UNIVERSITY STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

Sponsored by TRiO Student Support Services (SSS)  
Mrs. Karen Coco, SSS Director





**STUDENTS**  
In the  
Spotlight

## NURSING STUDENT RECEIVES \$1,500 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Shreveport native and Southern University Shreveport nursing student, Ashlie Collins, received a \$1500 scholarship from the Shreveport Rotary Club. Ms. Collins, a single parent, maintains her status on the Chancellors List while juggling parenthood, employment and her studies. Ms. Collins has served as a science tutor on campus, and is interning



at the Shreveport Police Department. Ms. Collins was selected as a deserving student based on her essay that focused on her commitment to education. Ms. Collins told the members of the Shreveport Rotary Club during the luncheon presentation that “this scholarship meant a lot and would be put to good use by assisting with tuition, uniforms, and books.” Ms. Collins expressed her desire to immediately put her education into practice in the nursing field upon her graduation in December 2014. Representing Southern University at Shreveport was Mrs. Rhalanda Jackson, Assistant Director of Financial Aid and Scholarships, and Ms. Jasheika Dennis, Financial Aid Advisor.



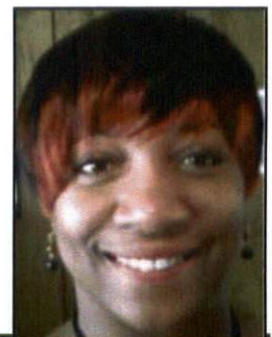
### STUDENT OF THE WEEK.... *Imani Stewart*

Miss Imani Stewart is a 2012 graduate of Huntington High School in Shreveport. She enrolled at Southern University at Shreveport during the Fall 2012 semester. Imani maintains a 3.6 GPA and she continues to strive for a 4.0. Imani plans to obtain an associate degree in the field of Dental Hygiene. Once she completes her degree, Imani's goal is to further her education and become a dentist.

Imani is currently employed as a federal work study student in the Office of Admissions. She is also an active member of the TRiO Student Support Services where she served on the Miss Elite Royal Court. As a member of the Elite Club, Imani has been Involved in various activities sponsored by TRiO Student Support Services. Some of the activities include, the 2012 Motivational Seminar, Fall 2012 Open House, a Student Finance Workshop and a visit to the Wellington Square Assisted Living Facilities for TRiO day of community service.

When Imani has a moment to spare, you will find her reading a great book. She loves to doodle, cook, and learn new things.

Student Support Services chose Gwendolyn Tenell to be MISS (SSS) SWEETHEART. Gwen has maintained a 4.0 GPA, has active attendance and participation with Student Support Services



## CONGRATULATIONS!

# TRiO SNAPSHOT... UPWARD BOUND



Participants attend Financial Aid Workshop with Upward Bound South Seniors presented by EOC.

# TRiO

COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAMS  
2013 WHITE TOWEL DRIVE  
SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER RESCUE MISSION



## BLACK HISTORY CELEBRATION 2013 EXHIBITAION DEBATE SUMMARY

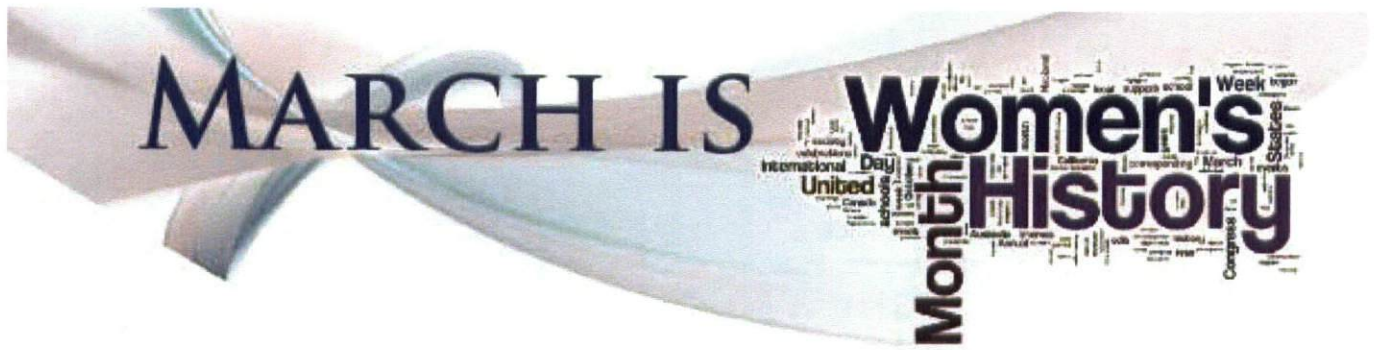
Student Support Services sponsored its 13th annual debate in observance of Black History Month this year. The friendly debate is for educational and entertainment purposes only. The question for deliberation was: "Is the lack of congressional support for the Fiscal Cliff issues warranted by concerns of the debt ceiling and the survival of America as a na-tion"?

The two teams consisted of community leaders, university faculty/staff, and students. The par-ticipants were as follows:

- **The Alpha Team which held the *Positive* position:**
  - o Marcia Henderson, SUSLA/SSS Student; Nursing Major
  - o Aylwin Holmon, Assistant Professor of Business
  - o Craig Lee, CEO of Creole Soul, L.L.C.
  - o Sandra Lister, Neighborhood Assistant Team Member- Area 1
- **The Omega Team which held the *Negative* position:**
  - o Eddie Giles, KOKA Program Director
  - o Derrick Henderson, Donor Resources Coordinator at Lifeshare Blood Centers
  - o Frederick Jackson, Criminal Justice Instructor
  - o Paul Lloyd, SUSLA Student, Criminal Justice Admin Major
  - o Dadrien Updite, SUSLA Student, President-Criminal Justice Club

The Adjudicators voted the Omega Team (Negative Position) as winner of the Debate.

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**MISS SUSLA HOST “ROYAL TEA”**

In celebration of Women’s History Month, Miss Shemeka Horn, Miss Southern University at Shreveport- 2013, hosted a “Royal Tea” on the campus of Southern University at Shreveport. She invited locate junior and high school’s Homecoming Courts, and top academic to share in this occasion. Miss Horn hope this event will help the students to find their inner queen and live beyond the bounds of what society has set.

The Jessie Stone was filled with Royalty: Former Miss Southern Universities at Shreveport : Brenda Wimberly 1975, Stephanie West 1995, Miss Marcia Collins 2002, and Deneisha Foster 2010 Former Miss Southern University Calendar Girl 2008 Tambria Baker and the current Miss Black Louisiana Kendra Williams.

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**SGA Election: The Students Have Spoken**

*Congratulations to the winners of the 2013-2014 student elections*



## FACULTY ACCOMPLISHMENTS / HIGHLIGHTS

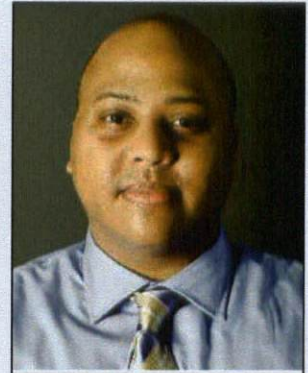


Mrs. Joyce Cottonham

### **ENGLISH DEPARTMENT RECEIVES LA BOARD OF REGENTS GRANT**

*CONGRATULATIONS TO MRS. JOYCE COTTONHAM  
AND DR. LONNIE MCCRAY!!*

Mrs. Cottonham and Co-PI Dr. McCray have been awarded a LA Board of Regents Grant "Embracing Technology in the English Classroom" for \$57,000.00.



Dr. Lonnie McCray

This project will enhance the current situation of classroom instructions in the English Department by integrating state-of-the-art educational technology in three classrooms.

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## DIVISION OF ALLIED HEALTH

### DENTAL HYGIENE

**KHEYSIA WASHINGTON, PROGRAM DIRECTOR**

Dental Hygiene hosted National Give Kids a Smile Day, with several local dentists in our clinic on Friday, February 2, 2013. We saw 80 children from sunset Acres School. We had a guest speaker from Phillips Soni-Care on Monday, February 25, who donated a total of \$1,800 in supplies to students and our clinic. SUSLAs first-year Dental Hygiene students went to Willis-Knighton children health clinic to do screenings for children and were featured on KTBS news on February 6, 2013. First patients from Holy Angels have been seen in the clinic and did well on February 25, 2013 and will be back on March 4, 2013.

### HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY/ MEDICAL CODING

**KIMBERLY A. NEWLEN, PROGRAM DIRECTOR**

LHIMA, the state professional association for Health Information Technology/Administration will host the annual state convention in Bossier City, April 17th through April 19th. Ms. Newlen, Ms. Wells, Ms. Ammons, Ms. McMillon, Ms. Warren, Ms. Wallace, and Ms. Stephens all plan to be in attendance. The HIT student organization, Alpha Sigma Epsilon will donate three \$50 gift cards and faculty will donate another \$50 gift card for a raffle in the Support of Schools Fund. A senior student in the program, Stephanie Miller, will present an update of the HIT Program at SUSLA during the business meeting. The update will include information related to new technology and software purchased by the University that is utilized by students in the program as well as any faculty updates, recognition of the clinical sites support of our program, online course, etc. In addition, Ms. Newlen will be a presenter at the convention with regards to the Student Academy held on Thursday, April 18th. The presentation will focus on "Test-Taking Strategies".

### APPLICATIONS:

The HIT / Medical Coding Program will have program applications available online for students to download at the end of March or early April. The program plans to accept thirty (30) students for Fall enrollment.

## **DIVISION OF ALLIED HEALTH (continued)**

### **MLT/PHLEBOTOMY**

**PATRICIA RAPHAEL-BROWN, PROGRAM DIRECTOR**

Currently the Phlebotomy student started their first day of clinical rotation on Tuesday, Feb 26, 2013. There are 20 students in rotation.

MLT students are preparing for the Regional Competition that takes place April 2013.

### **RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM**

**SHELIA S. SWIFT, PROGRAM DIRECTOR**

SUSLA Radiologic Technology program's faculty and students finalized travel to attend the Louisiana State Society Radiologic Technology Mid-Winter Seminar on March 21-23, 2013 (Friday and Saturday) at the Isle of Capri Hotel in Lake Charles, Louisiana. The students will participate in the Student Bee segment of the conference on Friday March 22, 2013.

The program's pass rate on the national board for 2013 is 90%. This is based 17 out of 19 graduates successfully passing the American Registry of Radiologic Technology National Board exam on their first attempt. Overall five-year pass rate is 96%

### **SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY / DIALYSIS / STERILE PROCESSING**

**DIDACIANE G. KEYS, PROGRAM DIRECTOR**

#### **SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY**

Surgical Technology clinical students participated in a two day orthopedic surgery continuing education workshop which was held the Shreveport Convention Center. Synthes Corporation sponsored the event. Participants earned 14 credit hours continuing education for Nursing, and 14 hour continuing education for surgical technologists. Course topics were presented utilizing a combination of lectures, hands-on practical sessions, and discussions.

Students had an opportunity to work in teams with other operating room professionals, fixing fractures on artificial bones under the direction of surgeons. They received certificates post completion.

#### **DIALYSIS TECHNOLOGY**

Dialysis Technology students are participating in the celebration of Kidney Month during the month of March. They will be taking blood pressure and doing finger sticks to check blood glucose. They will also disseminate information about renal disease and failure prevention. Students and instructors are planning health fair sponsored by the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority at the Caddo Heights Math/Science Elementary on March 9, 2013 and on MLK Southern University Campus March 18, 2013.

#### **STERILE PROCESSING**

The Sterile Processing Technician students are completing their hours of hands-on training as required by the International Association of Healthcare Central Service Materiel Management (IAHCSMM) for qualification to take the National Certification Exam. LSU-HSC Central Service Department has been instrumental in providing students with opportunities to meet training requirements.



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