

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

(Following the Athletics Committee)

Friday, August 16, 2013

Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room
2nd 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. Action Items
 - A. Minutes of the June 28, 2013 regular meeting of the SU Board of Supervisors and the July 26, 2013 Executive Committee Meeting of the Board of Supervisors
 - B. Committee Reports and Recommendations
 1. Academic Affairs
 2. Personnel
 3. Finance and Audit
 4. Facilities and Property
 5. Athletics
 6. Executive (July 26, 2013)
 - C. Resolutions
6. Informational Items
 - A. System President's Report
 - B. Chancellor's Reports (July and August 2013)
7. Other Business
8. Adjournment

Southern University Board of Supervisors

Friday, June 28, 2013

Health and Physical Education Building/Gym

Southern University – Park Campus

6400 Press Drive

New Orleans, LA 70126

Minutes

The meeting of the Board of Supervisors was convened by the Chairwoman, Atty. Bridget A. Dinvaut. The invocation was given by Rev. Joe R. Gant, Jr.

Present

Atty. Bridget A. Dinvaut, Chairwoman

Rev. Joe R. Gant, Jr. – Vice Chairman

Atty. Murphy F. Bell, Jr.

Mr. Calvin W. Braxton, Sr.

Ms. Simone R. Bray

Atty. Tony M. Clayton

Atty. Walter C. Dumas

Mr. Raymond M. Fondel, Jr.

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

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), 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 Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mr. Hendricks, the agenda was adopted, as printed.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5: SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

The Board recognized Senator Mary Landrieu's In-state Education Liaison, Mr. Terrence Lockett. The Board thanked Mr. Lockett for all the support that the Landrieu Administration has given to the Southern University System.

Chairwoman Dinvaut presented mementos of appreciation from the Board of Supervisors to Mrs. Henrietta H. Vessel for her 37 years of service as Executive Assistant to the Board. Mrs. Vessel's service was also recognized by the Chancellors.

Mrs. Vessel thanked the Board and Campus administrators for their mementos and expressed her appreciation for having had the opportunity to serve as Executive Assistant to the Board.

AGENDA ITEM 6: ACTION ITEMS

- A. Minutes of the June 28, 2013 regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors

On motion of Rev. Gant, seconded by Mrs. Smith,

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the minutes of the Board's regular meeting of June 28, 2013 be and they are hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

- B. Committee Reports and Recommendations

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

Motion carried unanimously.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee, that the FY 2012-2013 Retention, Tenure and Promotion Recommendations for Faculty at Southern University – Baton Rouge and Southern University at New Orleans campuses named below, be and they are hereby approved.

SUBR

Promotion and Tenure (Full Professor)

Fred Lacy
Luo Jicai
Aloyce Kaliba

Promotion and Tenure (Associate Professor)

Diana Kelly
Carlos Thomas

Tenure Only

Fatima Chajia
Kathryn Jones
Patricia Melson
Alita Robertson

SUNO

Promotion and Tenure (Full Professor)

Amaresh Das
Joseph Olubadewo

Promotion and Tenure (Associate Professor)

Zheng Cheng
Kimberly Dickerson
Racquel Ezell
Heon Kim
Delin Tan

Tenure Only

Joseph Coleman
Michael Pierce
Charlie Johnson
Christopher Linn
Anderson Tate

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee, that the Administration's recommendation to change the Name of Degree Programs listed below at Southern University at New Orleans, be and they are hereby approved.

- Business Entrepreneurship to Business Administration
- Management Information Systems to Computer Information Systems

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee, that the Administration's requests for the establishment of two Certificate Programs at Southern University - Shreveport, be and they are hereby approved.

- Applied Science in Railroad Operations
- General Studies in Science

Information item submitted to the Committee-

A status report on the selection of a System Vice President for Academic Affairs

On motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Rev. Gant, the following resolutions were approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

ATHLETICS COMMITTEE

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

FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee, that the request from Southern University – Shreveport for approval of a Small Capital Project to build a double baseball field to support intramural activities, be and it is hereby approved.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee, that the SUBR Administration's request to improve municipal addresses on the SUBR campus, be and it is hereby approved.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee, that the Southern University System Foundation and Southern University – Baton Rouge enter into a lease/lease back of the Old Post Office and Reflection Buildings for development of the Center for Business Opportunities and Disaster Recovery, be and it is hereby approved.

Chairwoman Dinvaout called a thirty minutes recess for lunch.

-RECESS-

-RECONVENTION-

On motion of Mrs. Smith, seconded by Atty. Clayton, the following resolutions were approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

LEGAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Legal Affairs Committee, that the Professional Legal Services Agreement between the Southern University and the Law Firm of DeCuir, Clark and Adams, L.L.P. for a period of two years (July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2015) at a cost not to exceed two hundred twenty five thousand dollars (\$225,000) for each fiscal year of the contract 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 Reorganization Plan for Southern University – Baton Rouge, Southern University at New Orleans and Southern University – Shreveport, be and they are hereby approved, effective Fall 2013.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Personnel Affairs Committee, that the Administration's request for the Establishment of the System Director of Enrollment Services Center, be and they are hereby approved, effective July 1, 2013.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Personnel Affairs Committee, that the Administration's recommendation for approval of positions with salaries greater than \$60,000, be and they are hereby approved.

<u>Title</u>	<u>Campus</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>New Appointment</u>
Assistant Professor	SUBR, School of Nursing	\$60,175	Promotion
Comptroller	Law Center	\$65,000	New Appointment
Assistant Professor	Law Center	\$90,000	Replacement
Assistant Professor	SUNO	\$80,000	Salary Adjustment
Asst. Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Mgmt.	SUNO	\$70,000	New Appointment
Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs	SUNO	\$84,670	Title Change
Vice Chancellor for Research, Sponsored Programs & Institutional Effectiveness	SUSLA	\$82,000	New Appointment
Asst. Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Mgmt.	SUSLA	\$70,000	New Appointment
Asst. Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs	SUSLA	\$70,000	New Appointment
Director of Enrollment Services Center	SUS	No Change	Title Change

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Personnel Affairs Committee, that the annual performance evaluation of the SU System President, Ronald Mason, Jr., for the period July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013 be and it is hereby approved.

STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Student Affairs Committee, that SUBR's request to approve the Student Referenda (a) creating the self-assessed non-refundable fee of three dollars and zero cents (\$3.00) for the SUBR Cheerleaders; (b) creating the self-assessed non-refundable fee of one dollar and zero cents (\$1.00) for the SUBR Jaguar Ambassadors; and, (c) redesignate forty percent (40%) of the surplus (prior year) funds in the Student Media accounts for the purposes of student scholarships, facility upgrades, campus beautification, student transit enhancements, and other student service initiatives, be and they are hereby approved.

FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

A motion was offered Atty. Clayton and seconded by Mr. Braxton, to delay the Transformation Recommendations for Information Technology and Finance and Business Affairs, pending review by a consultant.

Motion failed. Roll call vote: 6 yeas: Braxton, Bray, Clayton, Dumas, Fondel and Lawson;
9 nays: Gant, Bell, Hendricks, Kelly, Mire, Small, Smith, Tarver, and Dinvaat; 0 abstention

On motion of Rev. Gant, seconded by Dr. Tarver, the following resolution was approved.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Finance and Audit Committee, that the Transformation Plans for Information Technology and Finance and Business Affairs, be and it is hereby approved.

Motion carried. Roll call vote: 10 yeas: Gant, Bell, Fondel, Hendricks, Kelly, Mire, Small, Smith, Tarver, and Dinvaat; 5 nays: Braxton, Bray, Clayton, Dumas, and Lawson;
0 abstention

On motion of Mr. Lawson, and seconded by Rev. Gant, the following resolutions were approved.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Finance and Audit Committee, that the Extension of Food Service Management Agreement between Sodexo Operations, LLC and Southern University at New Orleans, commencing July 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013, be and it is hereby approved.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Finance and Audit Committee, that the extension of Food Service Contract Agreement between Bethune Services, LLC and Southern University at Shreveport, commencing July 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013, be and it is hereby approved.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Finance and Audit Committee, that the Student Health Fee Increase at Southern University – Baton Rouge from \$60 to \$100, be and it is hereby approved, effective Fall 2013.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Finance and Audit Committee, that the Building Use Fee for Campus Maintenance, per House Bill 671, System wide Management Agreement between Sodexo Operations, LLC and Southern University at New Orleans, commencing July 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013, be and it is hereby approved.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Finance and Audit Committee, that the 2013 Spring Tuition Discounts for SUBR staff and/or dependents be and they are hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 6C: RESOLUTIONS

On motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Rev. Gant, the following resolutions were approved.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that a resolution of commendation be and is hereby approved for Mrs. Henrietta H. Vessel for her dedicated service to the Board of Supervisors for 37 years be placed in the Board's Office.

FURHTER RESOLVED that the resolution shall be hung on display in the Office of the Board of Supervisors.

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

- Mrs. Zelma Delores Warner Hall
- Mr. Cirilo Reyes Manego
- Mr. Raymond Fondel, Sr.
- Mr. Clardie Lee Ellis III
- Mrs. Willie V. Jackson
- Mr. Herman Snowden, Sr.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 6D: APPOINTMENT OF ATTY. TRACIE WOODS AS INTERIM EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT AND GENERAL COUNSEL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

Concerns were expressed by several Board Members relative to the procedure for deferring an agenda item to the Executive Committee.

A motion was offered by Atty. Clayton, and seconded by Mr. Lawson to appoint Atty. Tracie Woods as Interim Executive Assistant and General Counsel to the Board of Supervisors, effective immediately.

Motion failed. Roll call vote: 6 yeas: Braxton, Bray, Clayton, Dumas, Fondel, and Lawson;
9 nays: Gant, Bell, Hendericks, Kelly, Mire, Small, Smith, Tarver and Dinvaut;
0 abstention

On motion of Dr. Kelly, seconded by Rev. Gant, the following resolution was approved.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, the appointment of an Executive Assistant to the Board of Supervisors be deferred to the Executive Committee for consideration, be and it is hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 7: INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

The Board received the following informational reports and update:

- A. System President's Report
- B. Chancellor Monthly Reports (May and June 2013)
- C. 2013 Bayou Classic Update

Details of the written reports can be found on the Board's website and on tape.

AGENDA ITEM 8: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 9: ADJOURNEMNT

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

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Academic Affairs Committee
Friday, June 28, 2013
Health and Physical Education Building/Gym
Southern University – Park Campus
6400 Press Drive
New Orleans, Louisiana

Minutes

The meeting of the Academic Affairs Committee of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by the Chair, Dr. Leon R. Tarver, II. The invocation was given by Dr. C.S. Gordon, Jr.

Present

Dr. Leon R. Tarver II - Chairperson
Mrs. Ann A. Smith – Vice Chairperson
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), James Llorens (SUBR), and Freddie Pitcher (SULC)

Board Counsel

Attys. Winston DeCuir, Jr. and Tracie Woods

Swearing in of New Board Member

Atty. Winston DeCuir, Jr. administered the Oath of Office to Ms. Simone R. Bray, newly elected Student Board member.

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

On motion of Rev. Gant, seconded by Mr. Hendricks, the agenda was adopted, as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

AMENDMENT:

Deleted: INFORMATIONAL ITEM 6A: Graduation and Retention Rates, July 2010 to present, by Campus and System wide

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dr. George Amedee, SUNO Senate Faculty President, spoke in support of Action Item 5B-1 and 2.

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEMS

A. FY 2012-13 Retention, Tenure and Promotion Recommendations

On motion of Mr. Small, seconded by Mr. Smith, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, FY 2012-13 Retention, Tenure and Promotion Recommendations for faculty at Southern University – Baton Rouge and Southern University at New Orleans campuses named below:

SUBR

Promotion and Tenure (Full Professor)

Fred Lacy
Luo Jiccai
Aloyce Kaliba

Promotion and Tenure (Associate Professor)

Diana Kelly
Carlos Thomas

Tenure Only

Fatima Chajia
Kathryn Jones
Patricia Melson
Alita Robertson

SUNO

Promotion and Tenure (Full Professor)

Amaresh Das
Joseph Olubadewo

Promotion and Tenure (Associate Professor)

Zheng Cheng
Kimberly Dickerson
Racquel Ezell
Heon Kim
Delin Tan

Tenure Only

Joseph Coleman
Michael Pierce
Charlie Johnson
Christopher Linn
Anderson Tate

Motion carried unanimously.

B. Degree Program Name Changes, SUNO

On motion of Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mr. Small, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, Degree Program Name Changes listed below at Southern University at New Orleans campus:

- Business Entrepreneurship to Business Administration
- Management Information Systems to Computer Information Systems

Motion carried unanimously.

C. Establishment of Certificate Programs, SUSLA

On motion of Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mr. Small, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, the Establishment of two Certificate Programs at Southern University – Shreveport.

- Applied Science in Railroad Operations
- General Studies in Science

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 6: INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

The Committee received the following informational report:

- A Status report was given by Dr. Mason on the System Vice President for Academic Affairs

AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT

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

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Athletics Committee

Friday, June 28, 2013

Health and Physical Education Building/Gym

Southern University – Park Campus

6400 Press Drive

New Orleans, Louisiana

Minutes

The meeting of the Athletics Committee of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by the Chair, Mr. Darren G. Mire.

Present

Mr. Darren G. Mire – Chairperson

Atty. Murphy F. Bell, Jr. – Vice Chairperson

Mr. Calvin W. Braxton, Sr.

Atty. Tony M. Clayton

Mr. Raymond M. Fondel, Jr.

Dr. Eamon M. Kelly

Mr. Myron K. Lawson

Mr. Mike A. Small

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 Atty. Clayton, seconded by Mr. Lawson, to move Action Item 5A: Rescission of Board's policy relative to football schedule approvals as an Informational Item, the agenda was adopted, as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 6: INFORMATIONAL ITEM

A. Rescission of Board's Policy Relative to Football Schedule Approvals

Atty. Clayton discussed how SUBR Athletics Department does not receive good revenues on away football games when playing certain teams.

Dr. Broussard spoke on the procedures for scheduling games.

AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT

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

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Facilities and Property Committee

Friday, June 28, 2013
Health and Physical Education Building/Gym
Southern University – Park Campus
6400 Press Drive
New Orleans, Louisiana

Minutes

The meeting of the Facilities and Property Committee of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by the Chair, Atty. Walter C. Dumas.

Present

Atty. Walter C. Dumas – Chairperson
Mrs. Ann A. Smith – Vice Chairperson
Atty. Murphy F. Bell, Jr.
Mr. Calvin W. Braxton, Sr.
Mr. Willie E. Hendricks
Mr. Darren G. Mire
Dr. Leon R. Tarver II
Rev. Samuel C. Tolbert, Jr.
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), 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 Mr. Hendricks, seconded by Dr. Tarver, the agenda was adopted, as printed.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEMS

On motion of Rev. Gant, seconded by Dr. Tarver, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, the following actions items:

- A. **Small Capital Project-Baseball Field, SUSLA**
- B. **Plan of Action to improve municipal addresses for SUBR Buildings**
- C. **Proposed Structure of Lease/Lease back of Old Post Office and Reflection Buildings for Development of the Center for Business Opportunities and Disaster Recovery, SUSF and SUBR**

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 6: INFORMATIONAL ITEM

The Committee received the following informational reports, given by Mr. Endas Vincent, System Director of Facilities Planning.

- A. Priority Projects Updates, by Campus
- B. Building Inspections, Safety Codes and Regulations System-wide

AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT

On motion Dr. Tarver, the meeting was adjourned.

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Legal Affairs Committee
Friday, June 28, 2013
Health and Physical Education Building/Gym
Southern University – Park Campus
6400 Press Drive
New Orleans, Louisiana

Minutes

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

Present

Dr. Eamon M. Kelly, Chairperson
Atty. Tony M. Clayton – Vice Chairperson
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

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 Mr. Hendricks, seconded by Dr. Tarver, the agenda was adopted as printed.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEM

A. Professional Legal Services Agreement between the Southern University System and the law firm of DeCuir, Clark and Adams

On motion of Atty. Clayton, seconded by Mr. Hendricks, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, the Professional Legal Services Agreement between the Southern University System and the law firm of DeCuir, Clark and Adams.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT

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

Personnel Affairs Committee
Friday, June 28, 2013
Health and Physical Education Building/Gym
Southern University – Park Campus
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New Orleans, Louisiana

Minutes

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

Present

Atty. Murphy F. Bell, Jr. - Chairperson
Mr. Darren G. Mire – Vice Chairperson
Mr. Calvin W. Braxton, Sr.
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 Mr. Braxton, seconded by Rev. Gant, the agenda was adopted, as printed.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments were tendered by the following persons in opposition to Agenda Item 5A: Reorganization Plans, SUBR SUNO, SUSLA

Dr. Thomas Miller, Faculty Senate President - SUBR
Dr. Alvin Bopp, Faculty Senate Vice President - SUNO
Dr. George Amedee, Faculty Senate President - SUNO
Dr. Diola Bagoyoko

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEMS

A. Reorganization Plans, SUBR, SUNO, SUSLA

On motion of Mrs. Smith, seconded by Dr. Kelly, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, the Reorganization Plans for Southern University – Baton Rouge, Southern University at New Orleans and Southern University – Shreveport, effective Fall, 2013.

Motion carried unanimously.

B. System Director of Enrollment Services Position

On motion of Rev. Gant, seconded by Mrs. Smith, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board the establishment of System Director of Enrollment Services Center Position, effective July 1, 2013.

Motion carried unanimously.

C. Personnel Actions for Positions with Salaries Greater than \$60,000

On motion of Mrs. Smith, seconded by Dr. Kelly, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, the following positions with salaries greater than \$60,000:

Title	Campus	Salary	New Appointment
Assistant Professor	SUBR, School of Nursing	\$60,175	Promotion
Comptroller	Law Center	\$65,000	New Appointment
Assistant Professor	Law Center	\$90,000	Replacement
Assistant Professor	SUNO	\$80,000	Salary Adjustment
Asst. Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Mgmt.	SUNO	\$70,000	New Appointment

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs	SUNO	\$84,670	Title Change
Vice Chancellor for Research Sponsored Programs & Institutional Effectiveness	SUSLA	\$82,000	New Appointment
Asst. Vice Chancellor For Enrollment Mgmt.	SUSLA	\$70,000	New Appointment
Asst. Vice Chancellor For Student Affairs	SUSLA	\$70,000	New Appointment
Director of Enrollment Services Center	SUS	No Change	Title Change

Motion carried unanimously.

D. Performance Evaluation of the SU System President, Ronald Mason, Jr., for the period July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013 (Executive Session may be required)

On motion of Mrs. Smith, seconded by Dr. Kelly, the Personnel Affairs Committee convened into an executive session to review the performance evaluation of Dr. Ronald Mason, Jr. as President of the Southern University System.

Motion carried unanimously. Roll call vote: 8 yeas: Bell, Mire, Braxton, Gant, Hendricks, Kelly,

Smith and Dinvaut; 0 nays; 0 abstentions

-EXECUTIVE SESSION-

-OPEN SESSION-

On motion of Rev. Gant, seconded by Mrs. Smith, the Personnel Affairs Committee reconvened into open session.

Motion carried unanimously. Roll call vote: 8 yeas: Bell, Mire, Braxton, Gant, Hendricks, Kelly, Smith and Dinvaut; 0 nays; 0 abstentions

On motion of Rev. Gant, seconded by Atty. Bell, the Personnel Affairs Committee accepted the completed evaluation form for Dr. Ronald Mason.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

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

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Finance and Audit Committee
Friday, June 28, 2013
Health and Physical Education Building/Gym
Southern University – Park Campus
6400 Press Drive
New Orleans, LA 70126

Minutes

The meeting of the Finance and Audit Committee of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by the Chairperson, Mr. Willie E. Hendricks.

Present

Mr. Willie E. Hendricks, Chairperson
Dr. Eamon M. Kelly, Vice Chairperson
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.
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James Llorens (SUBR), and Freddie Pitcher (SULC)

Board Counsel

Attys. Winston DeCuir and Tracie Woods

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

Opposition to Action Item 5A - Delay of Transformation Recommendations for Information Technology and Finance and Business Affairs, pending review by consultants, made by Dr. Thomas Miller, Faculty Senate President, SUBR, Dr. George Amedee, Faculty Senate President, SUNO and, Dr. Diola Bagayoko.

Opposition to Action Item 5I, Student Referenda, SUBR, made by Caesar Smith and Clifton Clark, SUBR Students.

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEMS

A. Delay of Transformation Recommendations for Information Technology and Finance and Business Affairs, pending review by consultants (Braxton).

Motion failed for lack of a second.

B. Transformation Recommendations of Information Technology and, Finance and Business Affairs.

On Motion of Dr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Mire, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board plans for Information Technology and Finance and Business Affairs Transformation Plans to be approved.

Motion carried. Roll call vote: 7 yeas: Hendricks, Kelly, Bell, Mire, Small, Tarver and Dinvaut; 1 nay: Braxton; 0 abstention

C. Extension of Food Service Management Agreement between Sodexo Operations, LLC and Southern University at New Orleans.

On Motion of Dr. Tarver, seconded by Mr. Mire, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board the Extension of Food Service Management Agreement between Sodexo Operations, LLC and Southern University at New Orleans be approved.

The Motion carried unanimously.

D. Extension of Food Service Contract Agreement between Bethune Services, LLC and Southern University at Shreveport

On Motion of Dr. Tarver, seconded by Mr. Mire, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board the Extension of Food Service Management Agreement between Bethune Services, LLC and Southern University at Shreveport be approved.

Mr. Braxton in disagreement to buy out Aramark Food Service Contract posed a question about the amount money it will take to buy them out.

Mr. Appleton, stated that the buyout would be an advertise portion of the capital investment made by Aramark in the amount of \$1.1 million dollars.

The Motion carried unanimously.

E. SUBR Student Health Fee Increase.

On Motion of Dr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Small, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, a Student Health Fee Increase at SUBR be approved.

The Motion carried unanimously.

F. Building Use Fee for Campus Maintenance, per House Bill 671, System-wide.

On Motion of Dr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Mire, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board the Building Use Fee for Campus Maintenance, per House Bill 671, System-wide be approved.

The Motion carried unanimously.

G. Tuition Discounts for Spring 2013 Semester, SUBR

On Motion of Dr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Small, the Committee approved, and so recommends the Tuition Discounts for Spring 2013 Semester, SUBR be approved.

The Motion carried unanimously.

H. Student Referenda, SUBR.

On Motion of Atty. Dinvaut, seconded by Mr. Small, the Committee recommended the item be deferred to Student Affairs Committee.

The Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 6: INFORMATIONAL UPDATES

The Committee received an update on items listed below:

- A. Human Resources Transformation.
- B. Enrollment Services Center Transformation.
- C. Minority vendors doing business with Southern university, System-wide Southern University Faith Fund
- D. Interim Financial Report, as of May 31, 2013, SUS entities.

AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT

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

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SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Executive Committee

Friday, July 26, 2013

J.S. Clark Administration Building, 2nd Floor

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Minutes

The meeting of the Executive Committee of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by the Chairwoman, Atty. Bridget Dinvaut. The invocation was given by Rev. Joe Gant, Jr.

PRESENT

Atty. Bridget A. Dinvaut, Chairwoman

Rev. Joe R. Gant, Jr. – Vice Chairman

Mr. Willie E. Hendricks

Mr. Raymond M. Fondel, Jr.

Mr. Darren G. Mire

Mrs. Ann A. Smith

Dr. Leon R. Tarver II

ABSENT

Mr. Calvin W. Braxton, Sr.

Atty. Murphy F. Bell, Jr.

Atty. Walter C. Dumas

Dr. Eamon M. Kelly

UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING

Executive Counsel to the President, Byron C. Williams, representing System President Ronald Mason

System Vice President, Kevin Appleton

Chancellor James Llorens (SUBR)

BOARD COUNSEL

Attys. Winston DeCuir and Tracie Woods

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5A: ACTION ITEM

- A. Elimination of the positions of Executive Assistant and Administrative Assistant to the Southern University Board of Supervisors to create one position/title of Southern University Board of Supervisors Relations Coordinator, for which, the position would be advertised with the applicable duties and responsibilities and a salary range of \$45,000 to \$56,000 plus fringe benefits. The resumes will be reviewed by the members of the Executive Committee for

recommendations and selection. (Cost saving approximately \$90,000 to \$95,000). The position will become effective September 1, 2013. (Dinvaut)

On motion of Rev. Gant seconded by, Dr. Tarver, Agenda Item 5A was opened for discussion. The Executive Committee members asked various questions, made suggestions and voiced their concerns relating to the needs of the Board's Office personnel. Atty. Dinvaut stated that she appreciated all the suggestions given and concerns of the Executive Committee, and with much consideration, she will not eliminate the position of Administrative Assistant, but the position of Executive Assistant will be eliminated, and the new position will be Relations Coordinator at a salary range of \$50,000 to \$60,000. This position will be advertised with the appropriate job description and qualifications and filled by September 1, 2013.

On motion by Dr. Tarver, seconded by Rev. Gant the new position of Relations Coordinator at a salary range of \$50,000 to \$60,000 will be advertised with the appropriate job description and qualifications and filled by September 1, 2013.

Motion carried. Mr. Hendricks voted nay.

AGENDA ITEM 6: INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

The Executive Committee heard comments from System Vice President Kevin Appleton, Chancellor James Llorens, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs-SUBR, Dr. Brandon Dumas, Student Health Insurance Consultant, Mr. Mike Tucker and Nurse Practitioner-SUBR, Ms. Shirley Wade, regarding the following informational items:

- A. Award Bid for Student Health Insurance Program, SU System
- B. Increase Student Health Fees from \$100 to \$150 per semester, SUBR & SULC

Mrs. Smith exits the meeting.

After hearing and discussing the information provided on Items 6A and 6B, a motion was made by Rev. Gant and seconded by Dr. Tarver to amend the agenda making Items 6A and 6B action items.

Motion carried unanimously. Roll call vote: 6 yeas: Dinvaut, Gant, Fondel, Hendricks, Mire and Tarver; 0 nays; 0 abstentions

On motion by Mr. Fondel, and seconded by Dr. Tarver, the Executive Committee approved Agenda Items 6A and 6B and recommended to the Board, the approval of Agenda Items 6A and 6B.

Mr. Hendricks offered a friendly amendment, seconded by Mr. Fondel, to the motion that will allow Chancellors Llorens and Pitcher to add the increased fee to the student fee bills provided the Board approve the Executive Committee's recommendation. If the Board does not approve the Executive Committee's recommendation the student health fee will be deducted from the student fee bills.

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Motion carried unanimously. Roll call vote: 6 yeas: Dinvaut, Gant, Fondel, Hendricks, Mire, and Tarver; 0 nays; 0 abstentions

AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT

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

Secretary, S.U. Board of Supervisors

Chairwoman, S.U. Board of Supervisors

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Chancellor's Report



SIGNIFICANT ACCOMPLISHMENTS/ACHIEVEMENTS

SUBR CHANCELLOR PREMIERS ON-LINE "CHANCELLOR'S NOTES"

Friday, July 19, 2013 marked the premier on-line publication of "Chancellor's Notes," a weekly update of SUBR news from the desk of Chancellor James Llorens. The weekly update is addressed to the "Jaguar Nation" and highlights accomplishments and activities that have occurred or will occur in the near future.

During the first two editions, the "Chancellor's Notes" highlighted the following:

- SUBR's passage of the GRAD Act requirements;
- The removal of the campus' institutional probationary status by SACS-COC;
- The College of Education's high marks cited in a recent Board of Regents report;
- The \$65,100 donation from the ExxonMobil Foundation, made possible as a result of a 3 to 1 matching program in which ExxonMobil current or retired employees participate;
- Increased participation of first-time freshmen in the University's orientation program;
- Upcoming 2013 Summer Commencement Exercises with State Representative Katrina Jackson serving as commencement speaker;
- Upcoming Central Louisiana activity called "Meet the Jaguars." The event will occur on August 7, 2013 in Alexandria, Louisiana and will feature the Chancellor, the Athletic Director, the Head Football Coach, the Jaguar Pep Band and members of the Admissions and Recruitment staff;
- Announcement of Dr. Albert Tezeno's resignation as Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Success and the interim appointment of Mr. Raymond Clark to the position;
- Announcement of the interim appointment of Mr. Robert Rene to the position of Director of Admissions and Recruitment as a result of Ms. Michelle Hill's move to a System position for on-line enrollment; and

- A moving story of a recent high school graduate who wanted to attend college out-of-state but encountered some difficulties that caused her to have to remain in-state. She chose to attend SUBR and arrived on a Friday and before that day ended, with the dedicated, professional and courteous assistance of SUBR employees (especially one employee in the Office of Financial Aid), she was a Jaguar!

STATE REPRESENTATIVE JACKSON TO BE SOUTHERN'S SUMMER COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER



Democratic State Rep. Katrina R. Jackson, Chair of the Louisiana Legislative Black Caucus, will be the guest speaker at Southern University's summer 2013 graduation ceremony set for 10:30 a.m., Friday, Aug. 2, in the F.G. Clark Activity Center.

The Monroe native is a member of the Democratic Caucus, Secretary of the Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus, and a member of the Louisiana Rural Caucus.

Jackson, an attorney, was elected to the state Legislature in 2011 to represent District 16, which encompasses parts of Ouachita and Morehouse parishes.

Her assignments include: Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture and Rural Development; Commerce; Health and Welfare; and House Executive committees.

She has also served as an interim member on House Appropriations, House and Governmental Affairs, and the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget.

The north Louisiana legislator received a Bachelor's degree in Pre-Law and Legal Studies from the University of Louisiana at Monroe and a law degree in 2004 from the Southern University Law Center.

LONG-TIME SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY EMPLOYEE, MARGARET STYLES AMBROSE, RETIRES AFTER 40+ YEARS OF SERVICE

Ms. Margaret Styles Ambrose served the University in a number of capacities. Positions held by her include: Professor of English, Assistant to the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Assistant to the Chancellor, Executive Associate to the President, Executive Associate to the Chancellor, Special Assistant to the Chancellor, and even Interim Chancellor of the Baton Rouge Campus.

Although a Grambling State University graduate, She was loyal and dedicated to Southern, her positions and her employers.

Ms. Ambrose retired from her position as Special Assistant to the Chancellor on July 31, 2013.

However, because of her immeasurable knowledge and history of the University, she was asked to remain with the University and assumed the task of spearheading SUBR's Centennial Celebration.

Southern University and A&M College at Baton Rouge will celebrate 100 Years at its relocation site in March 2014.

Several activities are being planned leading up to this event.

SOUTHERN'S HEAD BASKETBALL COACH ROMAN BANKS HONORED BY SUGAR BOWL



Southern University's Head Basketball Coach, Roman Banks, was named college coach of the year by the Allstate Sugar Bowl.

Banks guided Southern to a 23-10 record and the SWAC men's basketball tournament championship, earning the Jaguars a trip to the NCAAs, where they gave top-seeded Gonzaga a tough challenge before losing 64-58.



Banks was also a finalist for the Ben Jobe Award, which was presented to the top Division I minority coach.

Banks was honored at the Greater New Orleans Sports Hall of Fame banquet on August 10th at the Mercedes-Benz Superdome.

The banquet also honored the newest members of the hall of fame, along with the Corbett Awards, which was presented to the state's outstanding college athletes.

THE UNIVERSITY'S FIRST ENGLISH LANGUAGE TRAINING PROGRAM (ELTP)

The University's first English Language Training Program (ELTP) was held June 2-July 31, 2013. The participants were faculty members from Kirikkale University in Kirikkale, TURKEY in which Southern University and A&M College has a formal Memorandum of Understanding to provide faculty and student exchanges as well as research and program development. The administration of Kirikkale University has embarked upon an aggressive agenda to be sure that a number of its classes are taught in English. Therefore, the arrangement was made to have SUBR implement an English Language Training Program that was designed to address their needs this summer. Eleven faculty members completed the program

DOW \$25,000 GRANT TO BOOST TECHNOLOGY EFFORT AT SU LABORATORY SCHOOL

The Southern University Laboratory School has taken another step in improving its technology-driven education delivery system.

A \$25,000 Dow Promise Grant has provided the school the funding to update 12 classrooms with SMART Boards, large flat screen monitors that allow teachers to instantly connect, display and provide interaction with real-world information.

"It gives teachers a tool that opens the world in seconds to students that pure textbook-based information can't provide," said Lab School Director Dr. Ronnie Harrison.

The newly equipped classrooms will also allow students to become highly engaged in working with SMART boards and White Board Technology that will increase multi-sensory engagement in learning, he said. Teachers will be able to increase their ability to access multimedia resources and also allow more mobility during whole-class teaching.

"We are appreciative of DOW Chemical's significant contribution to our Lab School. It will strengthen our efforts to make sure that our students are college and career ready," said Dr. Luria Young, Interim Dean of Education and Superintendent of the Lab School.

Dow Promise is an employee-led initiative of The Dow Chemical Company with a mission to positively impact African-American communities that face education and economic challenges. Representatives of the company will visit the school to see the SMART Boards in operation.

Harrison said, "The DOW Promise Grant aligns with our current transformation at the Lab School and our program's goal to increase an interest in the core subject areas."

"Access to these devices will open up a host of opportunities for our faculty and students," he said. "Our overall goal is to provide more engaging instruction and improved student achievement."

The screens will arrive later this summer and will be ready for use immediately.

SUBR STUDENT IS AWARDED PRESTIGIOUS ETS SCHOLARSHIP

For the third consecutive year, SUBR has had a student to receive the prestigious ETS Presidential Scholarship for HBCU Students. All three have been male students. This year's recipient is Augusta M. Robinson, a senior Biology major.

The competition for this award is intense, and recipients are recommended by a review committee. The committee conducts a thorough evaluation of the applicant's academic record, co-curricular activities, essay, letters of recommendation and other application support documents. Mr. Robinson is one of eight applicants to be chosen for this award for the 2013-2014 academic year.

Commendations are extended to Augusta Robinson for this outstanding achievement.

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION TO HELP WHITE CASTLE HIGH IMPROVE STUDENT SCORE

Saying that Southern University "is excited about the opportunity to improve the academic future of students," SU Chancellor James L. Llorens signed a partnership Monday with the Iberville Parish School System to start a College and Career Readiness program at White Castle High School.

The program includes a \$100,000 first-year commitment from the Iberville Parish School System. Additionally, Gail Edwards, White Castle High Assistant Principal, has been appointed as the Southern University liaison.

Llorens, along with Dr. Luria Young, Interim Dean of the College of Education, made presentations at Monday's board meeting to finalize the agreement, which was unanimously approved.

The program, which begins in the fall, will provide tutoring and academic support services to White Castle students to improve students ACT, PLAN, and EXPLORE scores and other criteria for eligibility to four-year colleges. There will also be mentoring and teacher professional development components.

Instructors from Southern's College of Education and Science and Mathematics Education Doctoral Program will be working with teachers, students, and parents, Young explained. "We intend to significantly impact the academic and social integration of WCHS students into a culture of college and career readiness."

White Castle students will also observe some class time and participate in activities at Southern's Baton Rouge campus, along with a performance by Southern's famous "Human Jukebox" marching band at White Castle High. "We are excited about the opportunity to increase student engagement and motivation to pursue college and careers," said White Castle High Principal Charley Handy, III.

The joint education effort is instituted in the name of Albertha Hasten, a beloved activist in her community, who died on Nov. 19, 2011. She served on the Iberville Parish School Board for 17 years, representing the White Castle area. Hasten also served as the president of the Louisiana Environmental Justice Community Organization Coalition. Llorens, Iberville Parish Superintendent of Schools Ed Cancienne, Iberville Parish School Board President Melvin Lodge signed the agreement Monday.

SOUTHERN STUDENTS PARTICIPATED IN "STUFF THE BUS"

Southern University students participated in the "Stuff the Bus" event coordinated by WBRZ Channel 2, Office Depot, Raisin' Canes and Volunteers in Public Schools on Wednesday July 17.

SU students from different student organizations volunteered in groups for two-hour increments, from 7:45 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., at Office Depot to help count, sort, package and purchase school supplies for students in Baton Rouge.

WBRZ's Stuff the Bus school supply drive assists parents and teachers in Baton Rouge and Ascension Parishes who find their students without school supplies due to economic hardship.



Karla Washington, president of the Beta Psi Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and Collegiate 100 Black Women of SUBR, says "It was wonderful to see so many within the community offering school supplies to help students within the Baton Rouge area."

Student leader Jamal Bell expressed that he is especially proud that Southern University students were able to be a part of a very needed effort.

Other Southern student organizations that participated in the event included: the Senior Class Cabinet, the Beta Sigma Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., the Black History Club, and the Association for Women Students.

The Office of Student Organizations would like to thank all students who participated in the event.

MEDIA RELATIONS UPDATE

On July 12, NBC Ch. 33 did a story on Southern University receiving \$65,000 from the ExxonMobil Foundation.

On July 25, WBRZ-TV Ch. 2 aired a story about Southern University-Baton Rouge campus' success in its 365 Jag program that showed 825 first-time freshmen and first-time students had participated in the orientation program. The 825 students exceeded the 777 that were in SUBR's fall 2012 freshman class.

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SIGNIFICANT ACCOMPLISHMENTS/ACHIEVEMENTS

SUBR passes the GRAD Act



Louisiana's Board of Regents has announced that Southern University has passed the requirements of the GRAD Act. The GRAD Act is made up of several dozen benchmarks based predominantly on student success.

The Regents announced that all public colleges and universities were successful in meeting the required score for passage of the LA GRAD Act. "We are very proud of our institutions' performance this year under the GRAD Act," said Chairman W. Clinton Rasberry. "This shows that our systems are meeting the needs of our students and the communities which we serve."

Under the GRAD Act, which was approved by the Legislature in 2010, the Board of Regents (BoR) enters into six-year agreements which set institution specific targets, including annual performance measures that result in educational improvements by the end of the timeline.

BoR monitors the annual performance of each institution and submits a report to the legislature and the governor on the progress in meeting the performance objectives of the Act.

The GRAD Act includes four performance objectives—student success, articulation and transfer, workforce and economic development, and institutional efficiency and accountability.

Because each institution has its own targets for progress, it is measured against its own improvement plan during the annual review process. However, each campus **MUST** achieve successful attainment of the student success objective in order to retain its tuition authority and autonomy eligibility.

“Overall I am very pleased with the progress that our campuses have made with the GRAD Act,” said Commissioner James E. Purcell. “We will continue working with our campuses in certain areas to provide guidance in identifying some specific strategies for growth.”

SUBR Summer Enrichment Programs

This summer, SUBR offered some sixteen summer enrichment programs on the Baton Rouge Campus. The 2013 Engineering Summer Institute (ESI) held its closing program on July 3, 2013. The ExxonMobil Bernard Harris Summer Science Camp has also held its closing program. This camp actually had Astronaut Bernard Harris to visit the camp and interact with camp participants! Several of the other summer enrichment programs have also ended their programs for the summer. Others are still in progress.

These summer enrichment programs provide a wonderful opportunity for student participants to develop in both academic and non-academic areas. The programs promote both intellectual and physical activities. Some of the programs emphasize the STEM disciplines, science, technology, engineering and mathematics. Other programs emphasize the arts and Humanities and physical education.

The students also have an excellent opportunity to observe life on a university campus. Having students to participate in these programs also provides an invaluable recruitment opportunity for Southern University.

Turkish education officials visit Southern to review English program

More high-ranking education officials from Turkey recently visited Southern University as the Baton Rouge campus strengthens its partnership with Kirikkale University.

Dr. Ekrem Yildiz, Chancellor of Kirikkale University, and Dr. Hakan Kocamis, the vice chancellor, visited Monday with SUBR Chancellor, Dr. James L. Llorens, Dr. Barbara Carpenter, Dean of International Education, and Dr. Osman Kandara, an associate professor in computer science and university liaison for Turkey.



The officials came to review the English Language Training Program that 11 faculty members from Turkey are currently involved in on the Baton Rouge campus. They also signed an addendum to an earlier agreement with SUBR that will increase faculty and student exchanges, Carpenter said.

The faculty from Turkey are part of an exchange program and partnership the University has with five universities, including Kirikkale, in Turkey. The partnership is an effort to provide English education and to eventually have students from Turkey to attend Southern.

SU launches new online degree: B.A. in Interdisciplinary Studies

Southern University, in partnership with Education Online Services Corporation, is launching a new online degree, the Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies.

The Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies online degree, which will start Aug. 5, will be housed in the College of Education and will enable students to develop competencies across a range of disciplines as selected by the students as they prepare for various career tracts. The degree provides a high-quality, comprehensive liberal education and will meet the diverse needs of current and future students and increase their employment opportunities.

"With the professional landscape and job market becoming increasingly competitive, people are investing in themselves and seeking to advance their careers through education," said Ezell Brown, Education Online Services Chairman. "The B.A. in Interdisciplinary Studies program at Southern University is accredited, respected, accelerated and specifically designed to meet the needs of working professionals and adult learners."

The uniqueness of this online degree program lies in its various disciplinary concentrations, which allows Southern to accept prior credits and academic experience from prospective online degree students who wish to attain a degree at Southern in their chosen field of study.

SU System President, Dr. Ronald Mason, Jr., said, "The Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies online degree program is geared towards non-traditional and traditional students who are motivated to complete a degree with a unique experience that will complement their current occupation or prospects for advancement, and better prepare them for the future educational goals."

"Adding this program to our expanding inventory of online degrees allows students more flexibility for completion of their bachelor's degree. It's certainly aligned with our goal of branding Southern University as the online HBCU alternative," Mason said.

"The Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies embraces the opportunity for students to design a course of study that meets their personal and academic objectives and further their professional growth," said Dr. Luria Young, interim dean of the College of Education. "By attending the classes online, the students will be able to work at a pace that fits their lifestyle, while earning a broad-based degree that will demonstrate to employers and peers that they have the ability to succeed at college level courses from an internationally, renowned accredited university."

Chancellor James L. Llorens said the new online degree "will provide an avenue for those persons, eager to be part of Southern University, to immerse themselves in the sciences, history, critical thinking and disciplines across the university landscape while being at home or sometimes working in remote locations. It offers an excellent opportunity for former students who were unable to complete their degrees to apply previously earned credits toward the degree in interdisciplinary studies and enhance their career opportunities."

Federal financial aid is also available to those who qualify. For a complete list of admission requirements and further information on financial aid, please call Southern University Online at 866-895-8019 or visit Southern University Online at <http://gotosouthernuniversityonline.com/bais/>.

Group to offer scholarship for the late Dr. DeWitt Jones

Friends and church members of the late Southern University administrator, Dr. DeWitt Jones, have begun raising funds for a scholarship that will be presented to an SU student in Jones' honor.

Jones, the former dean of the College of Agricultural, Family and Consumer Sciences, died in June of 2011.



"He was dedicated to Southern University throughout his career and he was a mainstay of our church," said the Rev. Dr. Herman O. Kelly, Jr., pastor of Bethel A.M.E. Church in Baton Rouge, who is heading the scholarship drive. Jones was a trustee and treasurer at Bethel.

Rev. Kelly said church members have made donations and they are receiving donations from outside sources also. The church plans to award the scholarship to a Southern student for the fall 2013 semester.

To qualify, students must be: fulltime; enrolled in one of the majors under the umbrella of the College of Agricultural, Family and Consumer Sciences; and have at least a 2.5 GPA at the time their application is submitted. Applications should be emailed to: brbethel@att.net.

Individuals who want to make a contribution should send a check or money order made out to the Southern University Foundation. In the memo section of the check include The DeWitt Jones Memorial Scholarship. Address check to the Southern University Foundation, P.O. Box 9562, at Baton Rouge, La., 70813.

SU Business Office to host government contracting workshop

The Louisiana Small Business Development Center at Southern University will host a "Government Contracting 101" workshop Wednesday, July 10 at 10 a.m. at the Louisiana Technology Park, 7117 Florida Blvd.

The workshop will introduce small businesses to various federal government contracting programs, help them determine if the business is eligible for these programs and support the business' efforts to participate in these programs.

Topics to be discussed include: How the Government Buys; Identifying contracting opportunities; Traditional procurement programs; Is becoming a government contractor right for you?; Getting started, required registrations, beneficial certifications; What to consider before bidding; Marketing tips; and more.

La. Black Hall of Fame to induct legendary SU band director Isaac Greggs



SU's former Marching Band Director, Dr. Isaac Greggs, was inducted into the Louisiana Black History Hall of Fame at a ceremony on Saturday, June 22, in Baton Rouge.

The 'Torches of Life Award' Induction Ceremony was held at Mt. Pilgrim Baptist Church Family Life Center, 9700 Scenic Highway.

Dr. Greggs, an icon among college marching band directors, headed Southern's "Human Jukebox" for 36 years before retiring in 2005.

Proceeds will be used to help fund the Black History Hall of Fame exhibition room at the Lincoln Theater, a historical landmark in old South Baton Rouge, which was purchased by the Black History Hall of Fame. The Lincoln Theater, opened in 1949, has showcased African-American performers and African-American films and served as a business and community center before it closed in 2009.

Southern University Gospel Choir to be part of major awards event at Essence Festival



Thanks to a graduate of the blue and gold, Southern University's Gospel Choir appeared on the McDonald's 365Black Awards show on Saturday, July 6, during the Essence Music Festival in New Orleans.

LaShawn Gary, who is the musical director for the performance, selected SU's Gospel Choir to back up Erica Campbell of the gospel duo Mary Mary. "If I was coming to New Orleans to do this, then naturally I would go to my alma mater to get the backup singers," Gary said.

The 10th annual 365Black Awards, sponsored by McDonald's, was held at 11 a.m. on July 6th in Hall H of the Morial Convention Center. The awards honor people who have made an impact on African-American culture and in their communities through business and charitable enterprises.

The show will air in August on the Black Entertainment Television (BET).

Gary, a nationally acclaimed composer, producer and arranger, is a native of Detroit. He has a B.S. in Instrumental Music Education from Southern and a Master's degree in Music Education from the University of Louisville.

Gary, the owner of LaShawn D. Gary Productions, has worked with Raphael Saadiq, the Four Tops and Keith Washington and toured internationally with other artists including the late legendary SU jazz great Alvin Batiste, who was one of Gary's music instructors at SUBR.

The musical director came to Southern several times in the past few weeks to conduct practice sessions with the group. During the first session, in June, Gary told the singers, "Y'all are blowing me away."

The SU choir is led by music major Marcella Ratcliff. "I'm excited. Everybody is excited about this," she said. Ratcliff, whose voice has wowed audiences on the campus, has some experience as a backup singer for Kim Burrell, Donnie McClurkin and others.

Ratcliff is a native of Baton Rouge and a graduate of Baker High School.

While the choir members from the Baton Rouge campus made up the core group of singers, there were several others who are graduates of SU.

Prior to the actual show, "This is really going to be great for the University," said Gary. "I feel very good about the way they have practiced and what to expect on Saturday night."

Media Relations Update



The incredible growth of the Southern University Band Camp was the focus of a profile by WBRZ-TV Ch. 2 on June 29. The story told of how the camp attendance nearly doubled in one year to a historic size. Director of Bands Lawrence Jackson was featured, as were several students participated from as far away as Georgia and California.

On July 3, The Advocate published a story about the University's effort to bring Brazilian students to the campus to enroll in 2013 and 2014. Chancellor Llorens and Dr. Barbara Carpenter were featured.

The Advocate's magazine section featured the Southern University Alvin Batiste Jazz Camp on July 6. The story included interviews with the great Wess Anderson, students and others.



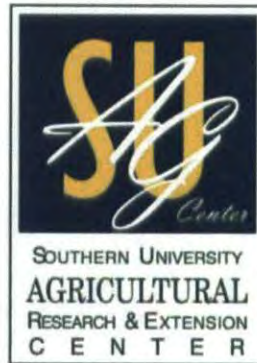
The Advocate newspaper published a story on July 7 highlighting Southern University's effort to fix registration woes of the past. The story focused on smoothness of the registration process during fall 2012 and plans for the fall 2013 registration process.



The Southern University Gospel Choir's planned appearance at the McDonald's Black365 show at the Essence Festival was profiled in the July 5 Features section of *The Advocate* newspaper. The choir was the background singers for Erica Campbell of the gospel duo Mary Mary. The program will be aired in August on BET.

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The Morehouse Black Farmers and Landowners Association, Incorporated, in collaboration with Southern University and LSU Ag Centers, held the 12th Annual Field Day, July 19, 2013. The event included presentations and tours of row crop farms. Participants visited the farms of Harper Armstrong and others. Mr. Armstrong is the President of the Morehouse Black Farmers and Landowners Association and 2013 Louisiana Farmer of the Year.

The event began in the 80s when a team of extension agents brought a group of SU professors to tour the fields of some of the African American row crop farmers in Morehouse Parish. It has grown into an annual event which occurs on the 4th Friday in July, starting at Mr. Armstrong's shop, and ending with lunch prepared by Mrs. Armstrong and others.

Farmers presently come from all parts of the South to attend the Field Day.

In attendance were farmers, landowners, organizing entities, per-

sonnel from USDA State Offices, and administrators from the SU and LSU Ag Centers.

This year, Representative Katrina R. Jackson, District 16, Monroe, member of the Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture and Rural Development Committee, was in attendance to show support.

The Morehouse Black Farmers have made a big impact on the local African American farmers by strengthening their relationships with USDA, agricultural companies such as FMC Corporation, Dupont, Terral Seed, Pioneer, and Syngenta and, Monsanto. Most importantly, through this event, farmers have built relationships with other African American farmers across the South.

Louisiana row crop farmers have challenges with marketing, droughts, floods, weeds, and labor. A major concern of the Morehouse Black Farmers is the continuation of row crop farmers in the next generation.



Top: Chancellor Williams addresses attendees.

Below: Tent sessions, field tours and demonstrations.

To watch a video titled "All in the Family," a [Louisiana Farm Bureau](http://www.lfbf.org/) event coverage, visit <http://www.lfbf.org/>

For further details, call the SU/LSU Ag Center at (318) 281-5741 for Odis Hill, Extension Assistant Area Agent.

Agricultural Leadership Institute Holds Productive Boot Camp

Session 5 of the Louisiana Small Farmer Agricultural Leadership Institute Boot Camp was held on Saturday, July 27th in Pride, LA. The theme for this session was: “Building a Sustainable Business: The Real Farm Experience.” All the participants had the opportunity to visit two working farms in the area. The first farm was [SnS Farm in Pride, LA](#). The SnS farm is unique in that it uses very little machinery and almost everything is done by hand. The owners, Shannon Simpson and his wife Rintha, (a member of the leadership boot camp), were very excited to share their knowledge with the group and offered a tour of the farm in spite of the bad weather. This farm sits on 15 acres and is home to goats, Zebu cows and chicks for egg production. The farm is truly an experiment in progress. The Simpsons use a quasi-intensive grazing system for their animals and plan to transition the cows to be used as oxen, and goats to be used as pack animals. They even bale their hay by hand, a practice that most of the other farmers were very interested in.

The second farm was the Robert Wallace, Jr. Family Farm, in the community of Chaneyville, on Port Hudson Pride Road, just outside of Zachary. This farm is a small cow / calf operation, which uses quality registered bulls to insure quality calves. Mr. Wallace has participated in various [NRCS](#) programs and made many improvements on his farm, which is currently being transitioned into a demonstration farm. Mr. Wallace is also a graduate of Class IV of the Small Farmer Agricultural Leadership Institute. Mr. Sam Willis, District Conservationist, USDA/NRCS, explained the conservation practices that are in place on the Wallace Farm and what other producers can do to enroll in the conservation programs.

Despite the inclement weather, the farmers in attendance were eager to learn all they could about this small family operated farm.

“I am shocked by the level of commitment and interest that all of the farmers have shown at this and all of the other sessions. They are really eager to see what other small farmers are doing and willing to share what works with their operations,” said Dawn Mellion-Patin, PhD, Agricultural Specialist/project director.



The Simpsons baling hay by hand



Rintha Simpson explains operation

E-Learning Center Participates in Educational Ag Day

St. Helena Ag Field Day was held on June 10, 2013 in St. Helena Parish Park, Greensburg, LA. The event was organized by LSU and SU Ag Centers, Save Rural America and the USDA Office in Amite, LA. More than 100 youth and adults were in attendance and toured various farms on buses.

First stop on the tour route was LSU Research Station in Franklinton, La. The Southeast Research Station has been devoted to serving the people of Louisiana for more than 50 years. It is committed to the advancement of dairy farming and forage production, while promoting good land stewardship throughout Louisiana. A team of specialists generates research and extension information in a range of disciplines; particularly forage quality, dairy nutrition, wastewater treatment and nutrient management.

The tour continued to Mr. Warner Hall's garden where watermelons, green onions, red beans and many other healthy produce bloom. The next stop was Mr. Quincy Walker's Farm in Tangipahoa Parish. Youth and adults were permitted to harvest potatoes and squash to bring home. The group also visited Johnson Roping Pen in Amite, where Mr. Richard Johnson gave youth horseback rides and tour of the ranch.

The event consisted of nutrition information, tours of the LSU AgCenter Southeast Research Station in Franklinton, La., two home gardens, and horse ranch.

The SU Ag Center's E-Learning Center, a mobile unit in the Center for Rural and Small Business Development (CRSBD) made a presentation to event participants. Eual Hall, business development specialist, and LaKeeshia Giddens, e-Learning Director, discussed the procedures of how to start a small business. Individuals who visited the E-Learning Center received one-on-one counseling from the presenters. Package distributed included CRSBD and E-Learning Center brochures; the SBA Business Resource Magazine; information on the USDA's Rural Housing Loan and Grant Program; USDA Elderly Home Repair Program; registration forms and applications needed to legally operate a business; information on borrowing and lending; marketing information; and business cards for Hall and Giddens.



Cow with port in stomach



Tour of Warner Hall's garden

Pictured above: The cow has a port (hole) in its stomach. Researchers at the Southeast Research Station in Franklinton use the fluid from her stomach to conduct experiments.

SU & LSU Ag Centers Collaborate With Madison on C.H.E.F. Camp

The Southern University and Louisiana State University Ag Centers alongside Madison Parish School District sponsored a CHEF Camp held at Tallulah High School for 24 young girls. C.H.E.F. is an abbreviation for Creating Healthy & Enjoyable Food. The two-week camp was led by Sarah Sims, Extension Aide in the parish, who divided the girls into age appropriate groups for ease of teaching. The camp provided basic cooking principles and nutrition education to youth as stipulated by the USDA's food guide - MyPlate. Sims reported that she stressed the principle of going from the field to the table, healthy food preparation, and food safety to camp participants. Besides creating a meal daily, the girls devel-

oped a brunch menu for invited guests during the camp period. They had an opportunity to experience shopping for fresh ingredients in the grocery store as well as picking from the Godfrey Garden for their menu. The goal of the CHEF Camp was to teach youth healthy lifestyles through basic nutrition, food safety, and food selection and preparation skills which they can take back and share with family members. "The camp teaches other skills such as critical thinking, planning, time management, and team-building, in addition to cooking," Sims said. "Many thanks go to Lisa Wilmore, Madison Schools Superintendent, and her staff for allowing us to use the lab at the High School."

The event was covered by *First Publication* on July 4, 2013. For further details, contact Sarah Sims at 318-574-2465.



Chefs in action

BOLD Program Holds Class Completion Ceremony

The Southern University Ag Center launched a series of classes for Faith-Based Leaders in New Roads, Pointe Coupee Parish, through its Building Opportunities Leadership Development (BOLD) program. Classes were held every Saturday for six weeks, with the goal of enhancing and strengthening faith-based leaders to better equip them in serving their institutions and communities.

On June 29, the BOLD for Faith-Based leaders held its completion ceremony in New Roads, for seven participants who successfully completed the class curriculum.

The classes were taught by Dana D. Isaac, Grant Assistant.



L-r: J. Davis, M. Celestine, I. Nelson, A. Nelson, S. Nelson, and D. Isaac

BOLD is a statewide grassroots leadership development project under the direction of Dr. Kenyetta Nelson-Smith, assis-

tant specialist for community and economic development. BOLD for Faith-Based Leaders is an extension of the BOLD project, focused solely on faith-based institutions, ultimately benefiting individuals and families in the faith communities that participants lead.

For more information on how to have this class offered in your community, please contact Ms. Dana Isaac at:

dana_isaac@suagcenter.com or 225-771-3902.

SU Ag Center Launches Garden at New Light Missionary Baptist Church

Southern University Ag Center's extension associate for community garden, Stephanie Elwood is responsible for the vegetable garden at the New Light Missionary Baptist Church, which was created May 2013 to provide physical activity and fresh produce for seniors. This area of north Baton Rouge is considered a food desert. The [USDA](#) defines food deserts as urban neighborhoods and rural towns without ready access to fresh, healthy, and affordable food. The lack of access contributes to a poor diet and can lead to higher levels of obesity and other diet-related diseases, such as diabetes and heart disease. Gardens help bring relief to food deserts. The SU Ag Center, by creating gardens in the community, is contributing to the improvement of the quality of life of local residents. Elwood worked with the seniors to establish the garden on church grounds in the Scotlandville area. The church is located at 650 Blount Road, Baton Rouge; Rev. Gil H. Wright, Pastor.

Elwood delivered three types of vegetable seeds (tomatoes, cucumbers, and squash) for the church garden and worked diligently with members to establish a raised bed for planting.

"The garden provides the seniors in the church opportunities to exercise and eat healthy, she stated.

The senior citizens meet daily from 9 am-2pm; part of this time is spent nurturing the garden, which is complete with ornamental sunflowers and citrus trees. Ms. Mable Franklin is the director of the Senior Citizen Program at the church, assisted by Riley Underwood.

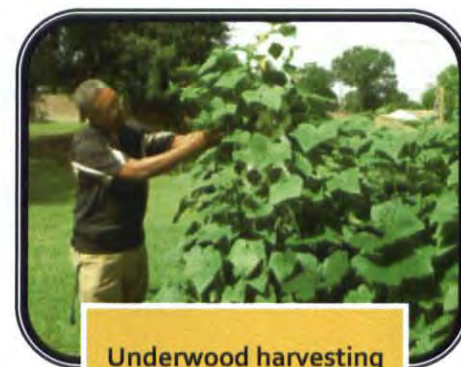
"We are so excited about the garden; the deacons encourage us, and we have a wonderful time. It's fun, fun, fun," said Franklin. "The folks at Southern are very cooperative and supportive, and we are looking forward to the fall garden with all the greens." The garden is producing cucumbers in abundance for making salads, sharing and even selling some to local residents.



Cucumber plant



Seniors in the garden



Underwood harvesting

FACULTY AND STAFF ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Chin Publishes in International Magazine



Kit Chin, professor, horticulture,

has published an article in an international magazine - *International Innovation*. His research article on the health implication of hibiscus is on page 50-52. *International Innovation* is the leading global dissemination resource for the wider scientific, technology and research communities, dedicated to disseminating the latest science, research and technological innovations on a

global level. More information and a complimentary subscription offer to the publication can be found at: <http://www.international-innovation-northamerica.com>. Congratulations!

Bridget Udoh, project director, Andra Johnson and Oscar Udoh conducted a follow-up meeting with communications project participants in St. Helena Parish on July 2. The meeting convened at 7:00 pm in Greensburg on Hwy 10. Topics of discussion included the review of follow-up surveys, future workshop topics of interest, date/time, and venue. There were 18 producers in attendance. The team also discussed the various resources available at SU Ag Center to assist producers. The retiring extension agent in St. Helena Parish, Rev. John Holiday assisted in organizing the meeting.



St. Landry meeting in session

Also on July 12, the project team met with participants in St. Landry Parish with meeting convening at 6:30 pm in the SCRI building. Topics of discussion included the review of follow-up surveys, upcoming workshop topics of inter-

est, date/time, and venue. Farmers were informed of the redesigned SUAREC website and the Mobile Farmers Market in Baton Rouge for interested individuals to take advantage of the new developments. There was a big push for use of social media which is lacking among producers, except for one young participant. There were ten producers in attendees at the meeting, including one new participant, and project team members Bridget Udoh, Allison Johnson and Oscar Udoh. Aubrey Williams, extension agent in the parish assisted with organizing the meeting.

Patricia Lee, Assistant Area Agent, DeSoto and Caddo Parishes, worked with youth to create a garden at the "We Care Daycare Center" in June, 2013, and by July 31, all plants yielded fruits. The potted vegetable garden blossoms with bell peppers, hot peppers, and patio tomatoes, which are producing abundant fruits. "At present time, the plants are

loaded," Lee said. The youth tend the garden with loving care.

For additional information, call the Caddo Office at (318) 872-0533.

Pictured right are youth nurturing the garden at the Center.



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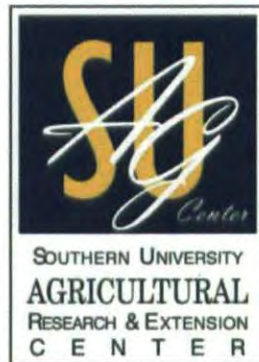
August 17: Louisiana Ranchers & Growers Annual Meeting. For further details, contact Dawn Mellion-Patin at 225-771-3532.

August 24: Louisiana Small Farmer Ag Leadership Institute Closing Ceremony. For further details, contact Dawn Mellion-Patin at 225-771-3532.

September 12, Back-to-School Summit at the Blackham Coliseum, 2330 Johnston Street, Lafayette
For further details, please contact Wanda Burke at 225-771-5184 or (337) 943-2410; via email at wanda_burke@suagcenter.com

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On June 6, 2013, the Southern University Ag Center received two guests from Washington, DC. Dr. Joe Leonard, Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, and Mr. David King, Deputy Director, Office of Adjudication, U.S. Department of Agriculture paid a courtesy visit to the Center. SU System President, Ronald Mason; Chancellor Leodrey Williams; Grace Namwamba, Interim Dean, College of Agricultural, Family and Consumer Sciences; and a host of SU Ag Center employees offered the duo a warm welcome. The one-day visit involved meetings with faculty, staff, and small farmers.

Also present to welcome the guests were John K. Pierre, Vice Chancellor and Law Professor, SU Law Center; Allison Johnson, USDA Liaison at Southern University; Byron Williams, Executive Consul to the System President; and Raymond Lockett, Professor and retired Chair of History Department at SU Baton Rouge.

Dr. Leonard visited several small farms in Louisiana under the direction of Dr. Dawn Mellion-Patin, Specialist-Agriculture. For further detail, contact Dawn Mellion-Patin at 225-771-3532.



L-R: Patin, Williams, Leonard, Mason, Namwamba



L-R: King, Lockett, Williams, Leonard, Mason, Namwamba, Pierre



L-R: Johnson, Williams, Leonard, Mason, Namwamba

Congo medical doctors tour SU Ag Center

On June 13, 2013, the Southern University Ag Center welcomed visitors from the Democratic Republic of Congo who were on tour of the United States. The two medical doctors came to learn about the best ways to involve agriculture in a holistic medical practice. They are missionaries in search of innovative ways to address health issues in their country. One of their challenges is providing medical treatment without adequate nutrition to sustain good health. Their goal is to offer medical care along with nutritional education and sustainable small garden production. The duo came under the auspices of the United Methodist Church. Dr. Adell Brown Jr., Executive Vice Chancellor and Vice Chancellor for Research, took an interest in their discussion at the 100 Hundred Black Men forum and invited them to learn what the SU Ag Center has to offer in terms of possible medicinal crop production.

Dr. Kit Chin, professor of plant science and Dr. Yadong Qi, professor of Urban Forestry, currently conducting research on the health benefits of hibiscus offered relevant suggestions about a partnership to introduce the tropical plant to the Congo on a trial basis. The visiting medical doctors embraced the idea and left with high hopes for collaboration, sample of hibiscus seeds; and promised to report the result of the hibiscus trial progress to the SU Ag Center.

The visiting team included: Dr. Manya D. Pierre, General Board of Global Ministries; Dr. Simeon K. Kashala, Samuteb Memorial Hospital, Congo; Marie Correa, SU Baton Rouge alumnus/translator; and Eugene Collins, STD/HIV Regional Coordinator, LA Department of Health & Hospitals. To welcome the guests at the Ag Center were: Oscar Udoh, Coordinator for Planning & Evalu-

ation; Kit Chin, professor of plant science; Yadong Qi, professor, Urban Forestry; and Bridget Udoh, Communications Specialist.



Qi, left, shows preserved hibiscus seeds to visitors: Pierre, Correa (translator), Kashala



Chin, left, gives hibiscus seedlings to visitors: Kashala, Correa (translator), Pierre

COC Network prominently featured at annual Expo

Communities of Color Network regional coordinator, **Urina F. Holt** traveled from Shreveport to SU Ag Center in Baton Rouge to participate in the Family & Youth Expo themed "Inspiring Innovation through Imagination...over the years." Ms. Holt had the opportunity to address a segment of the youth in

attendance on the causes and effects of tobacco use, and how tobacco continues to be the number one killer among African-Americans. Some of the participants didn't realize the full extent of the harmful effects of smoking and the toxic chemicals contained in tobacco products. An elaborate display was arranged on the Con-

sequences of Second-hand Smoke, including "Mr. Gross Mouth" and a list of harmful ingredients found in tobacco. A survey was distributed to determine the behavior and attitudes regarding second-hand smoke.

SU Ag Center Holds Fruitful Youth and Family Exposition

The 2013 SU Ag Center youth expo, which attracted more than 250 students across the state, concluded successfully on June 15. Highlights of the event included the East Baton Rouge Sheriff's Office demonstration of their Bomb/Haz Mat Unit to middle and high school students, showcasing the robot, suit, and other tools for the first time at the event; keynote speaker, Kwame I. Asante, a practicing attorney; youth competitions in public speaking and illustrated talk; talent show and dance; chemistry demonstrations; science education by LIGO Science Educational Center; and the culminating quiz bowl. Winners of the quiz bowl competition in the senior category were from Bossier Parish, 1st place; Calcasieu Parish, 2nd place, and 100 Black Men of Metro Baton Rouge, 3rd place. In the junior category the 1st place went to Calcasieu Parish; 2nd place, Southwest Center for Rural Initiatives in St. Landry Parish; and 3rd place, West Carroll Parish.

Grant Henry, 11th grader from Bossier Parish and member of the 1st place winning team in the senior category said, "This is my third year attending the expo, I'm always excited about the quiz bowl, and I look forward to next year's contest."

The Public Speaking and Illustrated Talk contests were organized in three age categories: 9-12, 13-15 and 16-18 years old. In the Public Speaking first category, Miracle Styles from Madison

Parish took 1st place; Breanna Scott, Bossier Parish, 2nd, and Olivia Viltz, St. Landry Parish, 3rd. The 1st place went to Kanessia Crothers, Madison Parish in category two; 2nd place, Sandrea Citizen, St. Landry; and 3rd place, D'Anthony Butler, Calcasieu Parish. In the 16-18 year-old category, Alante' Jackson, EBR Parish took 1st place; Crystal Jackson, Madison Parish, 2nd, and James Zachary, Caddo Parish, 3rd.

Illustrated Talk Content Category one had Jordan Page & Keonia Freeman of West Carroll Parish in 1st place, and Alaina Schaffer & Jeremiah Schaffer, St. Landry Parish in 2nd place. In Category two, Grant Henry, Bossier Parish, took 1st place; Seth Poirier, St. Martin, 2nd place and Taylor Threads, West Carroll Parish, 3rd place. The 1st place and lone winner in Category three was the Juwan Nimer & Jaylen Nimer team. The parade of parishes on Friday afternoon assembled all participating extension agents and volunteers who chaperoned students to the Expo. Representing Orleans Parish was Krystal Sugulleh; East and West Carroll, Carolyn Robinson and Thomas Legiandy; Bossier, Katherine Ervin; Morehouse and Union, Odis Hill; St. Landry - Southwest Center for Rural Initiatives, Aubrey Williams; DeSoto and Caddo, Patricia Lee; East Baton Rouge, Terrence Marshall; St. Martin and Iberia, Chris Robichaux; Calcasieu and Jefferson, Carol Sensley; Madison, Sarah Sims; and Rapides, Terry Washington.

"This was an exciting year. Thanks to all who made the event successful," said Dr. Wanda Burke, Youth Development Specialist and event organizer.



L-r: Burke, Ransburg, Asante, Williams, Eubanks



Chemistry demonstration session



Quiz Bowl: Bandele, 100 Black Men team

Oak Park Plaza Senior Housing Garden Flourishes

Through the SU Ag Center's SNAP-Ed program headed by De'Shoin York, Assistant Specialist, nutrition, Stephanie Elwood, Extension Associate, Community Gardens, implemented the Oak Park Senior Living garden, and tied it into the nutrition weekly classes taught by the Center's Nutrition Educator - Kaci Ernest. The apartment residents are all seniors that enjoy independent living and attend a weekly Nutrition Education

class. In addition to nutrition education, they built a raised bed garden and planted vegetables. Elwood expressed her gratitude to the active residents and faculty of Oak Park for delightfully maintaining the garden and producing tomatoes, cucumbers, eggplants, peppers, and basil.

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) offers nutrition assistance to millions of

eligible, low income individuals and families and provides economic benefits to communities. SNAP is the largest program in the domestic hunger safety net. SNAP-Ed is a nutrition education program funded by the US Department of Agriculture.

The garden was covered in the People section of the July 8, 2013 *Advocate*.



Sections of the garden

Calcasieu Parish Youth Enjoy Chef Cooking Camp

During the week of June 3-7 youth in Calcasieu Parish participated in the Chef Cooking Camp under the leadership of Carol Sensley, Assistant Area Agent, Family and Consumer Sciences in Calcasieu and Jefferson Davis Parishes. The program enrolled and graduated 16 youth. Participants learned the use of proper cooking terms and measurements. They also gained knowledge of the "My Plate" nutritional guide; the importance of

kitchen safety; cooking/eating healthy meals; and exercising to maintain a healthy lifestyle.



Participants in the kitchen



Participants at graduation



Learning exercise moves

Communities of Color Network, 100 Black Men, SU Alumni Federation Collaborate

The Communities of Color Network (CoC) had a visible presence in New Orleans LA, June 5-9, 2013 for two outstanding events. The first was the Annual Southern University Alumni Federation Leadership Summit. CoC was the Title Sponsor, and **Linda Early Brown**, Director, set the tone for the Summit with an inspiring welcome. **Chancellor Leodrey Williams** articulated an invigorating and promising message on the State of the SU Ag Center. **Frankie Poland**, regional coordinator served as a resource person to answer questions regarding programing efforts and provided strategic tips on implementation efforts. The purpose of the Summit was to provide participants the opportunity to learn more about various aspects of the University and how alumni leaders can contribute to achieving mutual goals. Lapel pins, provided by CoC were distributed to everyone as a reminder of the SU System 100% Tobacco-free Policy. Brown and Poland were also available to answer any inquiries regarding the Policy.



Chancellor Williams presenting the state of the SU Ag Center at Summit



Section of the 100 Black Men of America, Inc. 27th Annual Conference

The second occasion in which CoC was able to articulate its mission was during the 100 Black Men of America, Inc. 27th Annual Conference on Optimizing Health and Wellness: Mind, Body and Spirit. **Linda Early Brown** and **Frankie Poland** were among the 2000 or more participants at the Conference. They participated in various plenary sessions. Youth members of the 100 Black Men Baton Rouge Chapter, their sponsors, and other representatives from the Southern University Ag Center were also represented.

Communities of Color Network is engaged in a project, *Healthy Initiative for Men (H.I.M.)* with the 100 Black Men where focus groups were executed during the week and surveys were taken to determine the behaviors of constituents who consume tobacco products.

CoC Network Continues Professional Development

Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center Communities of Color Network regional coordinators continue to develop themselves professionally during events surrounding tobacco prevention and control.

Shawntell Lewis-Harrell and Frankie Poland attended The Summit on Tobacco Policy in Kansas City, Missouri held by The National Center for Tobacco Policy, June 12-14. The intimate conference boasts less than 90 participants to allow for adequate networking and effective discussions. The purpose of this event was to address adopting, implementing and regulating a 100% Tobacco-Free Campus Policy on campuses of higher learning, nationwide.



Regional coordinators, Shawntell Lewis-Harrell and Frankie Poland pose with U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Regional Health Administrator, Captain Jose Belardo at tobacco policy summit in Kansas City, MO.

Conference highlights were research-based presentations focusing on policy development, compliance, engaging traditional and non-traditional students, best practices and lessons learned throughout the process. Participants were engaged in breakout sessions, as well as, small group discussions designed to address specific concerns on this issue.

Keynote speakers were regional health administrator, Captain Jose Belardo, of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and executive director of the National Center for Tobacco Policy, Ty Patterson.

Linda Early Brown attended the Points of Life Conference in Washington, DC from June 19-22, which focused on the power of service to bridge differences and bring people together regardless of disparities and social economic status.

The relevance of community advocacy and engaging community was a driving force during the conference. Workshops attended included: *The Best Way to Build Community*, *The Art of Leadership*, *Creating Community Change in 5 Simple Steps*, and *Moving from Service to Social Justice*.

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Expo 2013 speaking contest winners available on line, June 21 at <http://theadvocate.com/features/people/6278969-123/youth-news-for-june-21>

Raised bed garden at Oak Park Senior Center at <http://theadvocate.com/features/people/6376639-123/in-the-yard-raised-garden>

FACULTY AND STAFF ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Madison & Bossier Parishes win big in Expo speaking contests

Sarah Sims, extension agent in Madison Parish, led a group of youth to success at the 2013 Youth Expo with three wins in the speaking contests. Miracle Styles, Wright Elementary, Tallulah, took first place in Public Speaking in the 9-12 year group; Kanessia Crothers, Madison Jr. High, Tallulah, placed first in the 13 to 15 age group Public Speaking contest; and Crystal Jackson, Madison Senior High School, Tallulah, placed second in Public Speaking among the 16-18 year old contestants.



Sims, Kanessia Crothers, Williams



Sims, Crystal Jackson, Williams

tunities for participants to learn, socialize, and compete in speech and quiz bowl contests. In the competitions, the senior quiz bowl team with Stephan Boyd, Grant Henry, Asya and Tia Walker, Brice Davis and Samantha Bryant brought home the first place trophy. Grant Henry, 11th grader from Bossier Parish and member of the 1st place winning team in the senior category quiz bowl contest said, "This is my third year attending the expo, I'm always excited about the quiz bowl, and I look forward to next year's contest."



Sims, Miracle Styles, Williams

Katherine Ervin, parent educator, Bossier Parish, travelled to Baton Rouge with a group of youth to participate in the annual Family and Youth Exposition event sponsored by the Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center. Grant Henry won first place in illustrated talk for third year in a row. Each year, the Expo offers oppor-



L-r: Ervin, Grant Henry (1st place winner in Illustrated Talk and leader of Bossier Parish senior team 1st place win in quiz bowl), Chancellor Williams

Christie Gremillion-Monroe, Stephanie Elwood, and Mila Berhane had a fun day with Day Campers from Trinity Tods and Toddlers on June 23. The children had an opportunity to pet rabbits, learn about body parts of the rabbit; how a rabbit feels; and the importance of rabbits. They also played different games pertaining to Math, English and Science by using rabbit information. The campers learned about plants as well.

Each student experienced hands-on learning of making a pot using newspaper. Each child received some soil to plant a seed in their newly made pot. Students used their Math and Science skills by estimating how many days it would take the seed to appear above ground. Youth are required to keep a daily digital journal of their plants. Next month, the group will return to follow up on the progress of the project.



Toddler petting rabbit

Progress at JCCY Garden

Once again, the SU Ag Center Livestock Programs Manager, **Christie G. Gremillion-Monroe**, has been working with students at the Jetson Correctional Center for Youth (JCCY) garden since this spring preparing their garden. The summer garden consists of four different types of tomatoes, several different varieties and colors of bell peppers, southern peas, hibiscus, and watermelon. "The boys work very hard to keep the weeds down, which can be a challenge in organic gardens," said Monroe.

Two young men participating in the class were invited to speak at Southern University Ag Center during the annual Youth Expo event. They spoke about their garden program, and the pleasant, rewarding, and enjoyable experi-

ence despite the hot days. As part of their presentation, the boys organized a short stomp demonstration for the attendees of their session.



Monroe reported that she was very proud of the way the youth

conducted the question and answer session. She also said that in the very near future, produce from the garden will go on sale on the grounds of JCCY, using a small farmers' market format with the proceeds going to each youth's wellness account.

The Jetson Correctional Center for Youth in Baton Rouge is a secure correctional facility for juveniles adjudicated delinquent. The mission of the Center is to provide for the custody, control, care, and treatment of adjudicated offenders through enforcement of laws and implementation of programs designed to ensure the safety of the public, staff, and inmates to reintegrate offenders into society.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

July 19: Morehouse Parish Black Farmers & Landowners Association Field Day. For further details, contact Dawn Mellion-Patin at 225-771-3532.

July 20: The Wisteria Alliance - Food Preservation / Food Safety. For further details, contact Dawn Mellion-Patin at 225-771-3532.

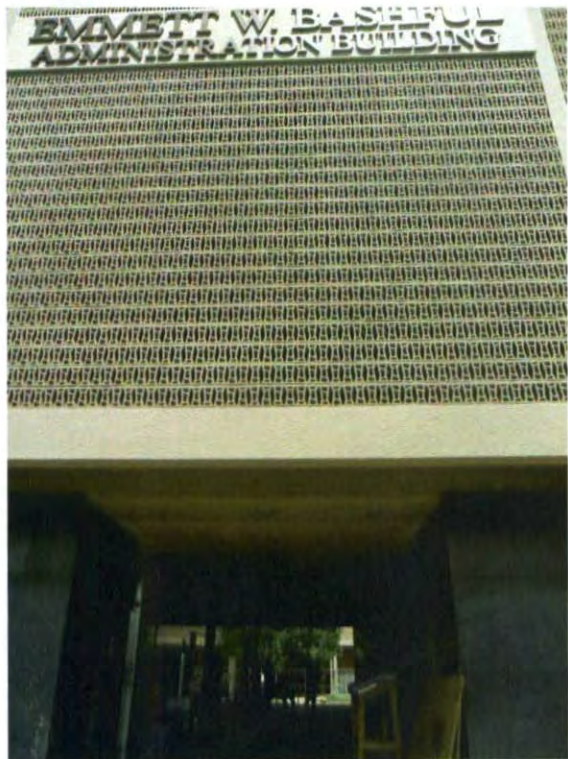
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August 24: Louisiana Small Farmer Ag Leadership Institute Closing Ceremony. For further details, contact Dawn Mellion-Patin at 225-771-3532.



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The first floor of the Emmett W. Bashful Administration Building that was heavily damaged by Hurricane Katrina undergoes construction nearly eight years after the storm. Scheduled for completion in Spring 2014, the first floor will house key University offices, including the registrar's office, financial aid and the comptroller's office.



Division of Academic Affairs

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES:

Dr. Henry E. Mokosso, Dean

The College of Arts and Sciences has a retention counselor, Mrs. Mary Jackson, who will work with the Dean's office, Chairs and Directors of programs to achieve the goal of retaining students. The Chancellor, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Dean, Associate Dean and Chairs of the College of Arts and Sciences visited the West Bank Satellite campus to see the offices, and classrooms allocated for faculty for Fall semester 2013.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES:

Dr. John Penny had a series of engagements in the month of June, 2013:

June 19th attended a meeting on Sex Trafficking and associated crimes in New Orleans.

June 20, attended Volunteers of America Residential Re-entry Advising Board meeting on emergency preparedness during the hurricane season.

On June 23, 2013, he was the guest speaker at St. John Institutional Baptist Church, and spoke on violence and how to stop it.

Interviewed on WDSU channel 6 about "moonlighting" or civil servants who draw two incomes from the government, by working in different departments.

GENERAL STUDIES PROGRAM:

Advisement and Retention Activities

The program has been allocated a work-study student who is assisting Ms. Marina Dumas-Haynes in reviewing the files. They identified 18 students that were not pre-registered for the fall 2013 semester. There are approximately 28 students that have not enrolled consistently. Their names will be forwarded to the retention specialist in the College to follow-up.

The director has held several meetings with the approved service-learning faculty to coordinate and process travel in addition to preparing the conference presentation for The 5th Annual Conference on Quality Assurance in Online Learning. There are eight faculty that participated in writing the proposal. Five would have been approved to travel. Appropriate Title III grant reports have been completed and timely submitted.

Dr. Vaughn and Ms. Marina Dumas-Haynes have completed and submitted all class close-out reports for the spring, 2013 semester.

HEALTH INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS

Mrs. Andrea Mignott and Laura Doresseaux attended the 2013 Louisiana Health Information Management Association e-HIM Roundtable in Baton

Rouge, LA- June 24, 2013.

Professional Outreach to Students & Community:

The program has secured a "Memorandum of Understanding" with Tulane Medical Center in New Orleans, LA., St. Bernard Parish Hospital, Chalmette, LA, and St. Catherine's Nursing Home. The memorandum provides that SUNO students will receive internship and clinical experience at the stipulated sites.

MUSEUM STUDIES PROGRAM:

SCHOLARLY: On June 6 and 7, Dr. Riep visited two museums in Quintana Roo, Mexico to gather information on non-western museum techniques. He is currently using the collected data in a paper for the upcoming ASA annual meeting in November entitled: "Shared Perspectives: Heritage preservation at the crossroads of meaning." In addition, he was invited to write a statement on the Kingdom of Lesotho for the Encyclopedia of African Kingdoms, which will be published by ABC-CLIO. Finally, Dr. Riep participated in the annual reading of AP placement exams during the week of June 10, where he served as an Art History reader/grader.

COMMUNITY: Dr. Riep's Spring 2013 Curatorship course students installed an exhibition at the McKenna Museum for African American Art on June 21, and will remain on display until mid-August. In addition, two of his students have designed summer learning programs using SUNO's collection of African art, which are being implemented at two area libraries. Dr. Hollis has been attending a number of events in the this summer. She attends lectures and panel discussions on Friday evenings at the New Orleans Museum of Art, Art lectures and exhibitions at the Healing Center, Stella Jones Gallery, the Press Gallery, and lectures and panels at the Joan Mitchell Center on Bayou Road and a Joan Mitchell Center.

CAMPUS: Ms. Erika Witt has joined M.A. Museum Studies as a Student Worker for the Summer Session. She is doing an Internship in the Center for African and African American Studies with Curator Ms. Linda Hill.

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS & PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION:

Dr. Igwe Udeh, Dean

Accreditation & Academic Excellence Initiatives:

Dr. Igwe E. Udeh, Dean of the College of Business & Public Administration, was elected the President of National HBCU Business Deans Roundtable (Roundtable) for the 2013-2014 periods. The Roundtable was founded in 1999 to enhance business and administrative disciplines through curricula innovation, faculty and administrator development, and creation of opportunities for

student engagement and career development for member institutions. Prior to his election Dr. Udeh was the President-Elect (2012-2013) and Secretary (2011-2012) of the Roundtable. As the President, Dr. Udeh is charged with implementing the Roundtable Strategic Plan as well as managing the day-to-day affairs of the organization.

Preliminary reports on the Fall 2012 Assurance of Learning assessment which focused on oral and written communication were completed by Dr. Frank Martin, Chair of the LGCA Committee. Performance gaps have been identified and loop-closing initiatives will take place in the Fall of 2013.

Data collection for the "Analysis" learning goal will take place in the Fall of 2013. This activity was postponed from Spring 2013 to Fall 2013 because of changes in the assignments to be used for this assessment.

The ENTR Department, with the support of CBA's Office of Student Services, has held preliminary talks with the Department of Business at Delgado Community College on increasing access to SUNO business courses in general and the Business Entrepreneurship degree program in particular, for Delgado students.

Journal Publications

H. Kevin Fulk, Louis C. Mancuso, Reginald L. Bell. "Three Guidelines to Improve the Communication Process between IT Professionals and Their Clients" was published in *Supervision, The Magazine of Industrial Relations and Operating Management*, Volume 74 Number 7, July 2013, pp. 3-7.

Professional Outreach to Students & Community:

Drs. Louis Mancuso, Muhammed Miah, and Yanjun Yu attended 2013 Globalization of Business Seminar (GBS) at the University of Memphis from June 6 to 9, 2013. GBS exposes participants to emerging thoughts and practices in International Business; International Accounting; International Finance; International Management; International Marketing; and Global Supply Chain Management. Participants are afforded an opportunity to network with peers for potential travel abroad and faculty/student exchange programs.

DBE Panel: Dr. Frank Martin, Chair of the Business Entrepreneurship Department, participated in the State and Local Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Panel which certifies small businesses as disadvantaged for the City of New Orleans, the New Orleans Sewerage & Water Board, the Aviation Board, and Caesar's (formerly Harrah's) Casino, June 18, 2013.

SBDMI Workshops/Seminars/Trainings/Meetings (June 2013)

Mrs. Cynthia Beaulieu, Director, Small Business Development & Management Institute, reported the following activities and achievements during the June 2013:

Nxlevel Business Final on June 6, 2013 had 6 participants. Final class of 8 week Entrepreneurial training classes to provide new and existing entrepreneurs with training on how to write a Business Plan.

A meeting with Susan Jackson to discuss SBDMI. Implementation of Notary Class on June 18, 2013. Ms. Cynthia Beaulieu and Atty. Ms. Susan Jackson were intermediaries.

Search Engine Optimization met on June 11 and 25 with 6 participants. Search Engine Optimization and Social Media for your business Program outcomes and directions. Speaker: Ms. Adero Lewis.

NxLevel Business Plan Presentation on June 20. 12 Participants weekly. Presentation for NxLevel Class with speakers Ms. Eleria Hunter and Mr. Michael Scott, Regions Bank Small Business Representative.

Financial Seminar Series 8 week Training. June 01, 2013. 5 Participants. Understanding Credit with speaker Ms. Eleria Hunter.

NxLevel For Contractors 8 Week Training: 06/01/13, 06/08/13, 06/15/13, 06/22/13, and 06/29/13. 12 participants; 8 week entrepreneurial training classes targeting minority contractors with specifics to the contracting industry as it relates to business plans.

Financial Seminar Series 8 week training. June 8, 2013 with 5 participants. Quick books basic with Ms. Eleria Hunter.

Financial Seminar Series 8 week training. June 15, 2013 with 5 participants. Quick books for payroll with Ms. Eleria Hunter.

Financial Seminar Series 8 week training. June 18, 2013 with 5 participants. Taxes-Personal Vs. Business with Ms. Eleria Hunter.

Southern University System Small Business Coalition in Action. Ongoing. Complied SBDMI and Small business Incubator Core Competencies as well as the Workforce and economic Contributions to the Community we serve. Ms. Cynthia Beaulieu speaker.

IWTP Program – ongoing. Working on new IWTP Application with Ms. Cynthia Beaulieu and Ms. Adero Lewis.

Small and Emerging Business Development (SEBD) – ongoing. 15 Assessments with Ms. Adero Lewis.

SEBD One-on-One with 10 participants. Call-in Clients. Ms. Cynthia Beaulieu and Ms. Adero Lewis.

Counseled. 12 participants. Incubator Clients with Ms. Cynthia Beaulieu and Ms. Adero Lewis.

OFFICE OF STUDENT SERVICES (OSS) June 2013 Report

Mrs. Timotea Bailey, Director of the Office of Student Services reported the following activities:

OSS has continued tracking of 2006 – 2011 cohorts, where 18% of 2006 17% of 2007, 13% of 2008 thus far cohort, and 1% thus far of 2009 cohorts have graduated.

OSS reports that a total of 21% 2008, 14% of 2009, and 21% of 2010, cohorts are on track to graduate within 6 years

OSS reports that up to 50% of 2012 cohort are expected to be retained; up to 30% of 2011 cohort (1st to 3rd yr.) are expected to be retained

OSS contacted by phone and email 2012 and 2011 cohort members on suspension to assist with academic/financial aid recovery

OSS contacted by phone and email other suspended students who have a reasonable chance of recovery.

OSS reviewed grades of cohort students to be sure they are still in appropriate classes after grades posted

OSS contacted by phone and email all cohort members who are not registered or taking inappropriate classes

OSS contacted by phone and email candidates for graduation for Fall 2013 and Spring 2014 with final classes needed

OSS contacted by phone and email all cohort members with reasonable opportunity to graduate within 6 years to encourage persistence and registration, particularly those not enrolled for Spring 2013

OSS reviewed the record of 345 CBA juniors and seniors who had a reasonable opportunity to graduate to ensure that they are registered in the appropriate courses – 125 are actual candidates for summer, fall, or spring graduation.

OSS reviewed CBA courses and emailed student and instructor when course prerequisite have not been met for summer registered students

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT:

Dr. Mwalimu Shujaa, Dean

June, 2013

Accreditation:

The CoE & HD worked with external consultant, Dr. Gloria Bonner, June 12-13 to further develop strategies to increase student retention and meet NCATE accreditation standards.

Child Development and Family Studies

Dr. Wanga and CDFS faculty continued to update narratives, forms, and appendices for the CDFS Self-Study by AAFCS accreditation standards as assigned. Dr. Wanga submitted the Application for Accreditation documents for Dr. Shujaa's review and approval. A meeting with Dr. Adegboye for the next level of discussions and action has not yet been confirmed. Dr. Wanga submitted a draft of Dr. Bonner's Scope of Services to Dr. Shujaa for his review and approval. Dr. Bonner is serving as an NCATE External consultant to prepare the CoE&HD for a reaffirmation of accreditation site visit in Fall 2015.

On Wednesday, June 12-Thursday, June 13, 2013, Dr. Wanga participated in meetings with Dr. Bonner, NCATE external consultant, to review strategies for improving teacher candidates' pass rate in the Praxis test. These strategies and others to be developed will prepare the College of Education and Human Development for reaffirmation of accreditation by NCATE in 2015.

Grant Submissions:

Child Development & Family Studies

Dr. Mayo-Theus continued work on draft for a grant to support military families. Dr. Wanga and Dr. Bordenave continued discussions on collaborative grant writing with Dr. Marva Lewis in the School of Social Work at Tulane University.

Workshops, Conferences and Scholarly Activities:

Child Development & Family Studies

Ms. Carson is the Primary Investigator and Program Director of the SUNO Healthy Minds - Healthy Bodies Learning Institute (HMHB) summer 2013 program. This is an academic program, supported by federal grant funding, community partners, and SUNO, investigating the integration of research-based models for healthy lifestyle intervention in a

community-based out-of-school educational program for 100 elementary and middle school children. HMHB provides professional development for four (4) SUNO College of Education and Human Development graduates and two (2) candidates as primary teachers in the HMHB classrooms and field supervisors.

In addition, HMHB partners with LSU Agriculture Center to provide parents/caregivers education workshops. These workshops also use a research-based model for healthy lifestyle intervention to community's families.

Dr. Wanga, Ms. Carson, Dr. Bordenave, and Dr. Mayo-Theus attended the AAFCS 104th Annual Conference held at the Hyatt Regency Houston in Texas June 26-29, 2013. Dr. Wanga concentrated on sessions dealing with writing a successful self-study and preparing for an accreditation site visit in Spring 2015. Dr. Wanga also participated in a professional development session on Managing a Family and Consumer Sciences Department.

As the President of Louisiana Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (LAFCS), Ms. Carson participated in required sessions for both the State Presidents and workshops for AAFCS accreditation. She also assisted in the facilitation of the "Pre-Conference Workshop: Overcoming the Obesity Crisis: We Can Make a Difference", held during the AAFCS 104th Annual Conference and Expo by virtue of her being an AAFCS Community for Obesity Prevention committee member.

Dr. Mayo-Theus presented on the following topics at the AAFCS 104th Conference and Expo in June: 1) Supporting Military Families; 2) Engaging and Learning Through Reflections of Family Changes After Hurricane Katrina; and 3) Re-establishing Family Bonds Between Incarcerated Mothers and Daughters.

Dr. Mayo-Theus attended a National Conference on Race and Ethnicity in Higher Education's (NCORE) Conference in New Orleans and participated in the John D. Bryant National Think Tank on Diversity and Inclusiveness workshop presentation by Dr. Lori Mason on Multi-Media Diversity Initiatives on Saturday, June 1, 2013 along with Dr. Sherry Bachus. She also presented at the same NCORE Conference on: 1) Looking at Race Disparities of Incarcerated Families and 2) Hurricane Katrina Revisited: HBCUs Research and Work after the Nation's Worst Natural Disaster. On Wednesday, June 5, 2013, Dr. Mayo-Theus participated in the Path to Financial Independence Network Annual Conference on June 14, 2013 at Dillard University and also participated in the U.S. Department of Education's Grant Writing Webinar & Seminar.

In addition, Dr. Mayo-Theus received notification on acceptance of two proposals on: 1) The Influence of Deployments on Well-Being of Military Families and 2) Voices of Spouses: Boundary Ambiguity and Military Soldiers for presen-

tation at the National Conference on Family Relations in November 2013. She also received notification of acceptance of a proposal on Civic Engagement Meets Academia: Incorporating Service Learning and Social Media, for presentation at the Quality Matters Annual Conference to be held October 30-31, 2013 in Atlanta, GA in October 30-31, 2013 (Virtual Presentation). She wrote an article for Cognition Magazine entitled Keeping Your Family Friendly during the Summer Months.

Professional Outreach to Students and Community:

Child Development & Family Studies

Dr. Wanga was on annual leave beginning Monday, June 3 through Friday, June 7, 2013. She placed two students for Summer Practicum, one at Kingsley House uptown and the other at the Hope Community Resource Center in New Orleans East. She continues to observe these students at the practicum sites and advise them and others on campus.

Dr. Mayo-Theus engaged students in CDFS 302 – Current Issues in CDFS in preparation for the SUNO Research Forum in Fall 2013 and continued her work with the New Orleans Faith Based Initiative on Crime, the Community Outreach Group for Military Families in New Orleans, LA, and Girl Scouts - Beyond Bars Meeting on June 13 2013. Dr. Mayo-Theus signed up to volunteer with the 100 Black Men Conference – Health among Fathers and Men in America Today and attended the Orleans Parish Sheriff's Office and the LA Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections' Southeast Regional Re-Entry and Rehabilitation Program Graduation Ceremony on June 13, 2013. She participated in the America Saves Webinar on June 14, 2013 and attended the SUNO Next Level College of Business & Entrepreneurship Training Sessions on June 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29, 2013.

Dr. Wanga attended Hope Community Resource Center's Board Meeting on Monday, June 24, 2013 and was reelected as Board Secretary during the meeting.

Child Development & Family Studies

Dr. Bordenave represented Dr. Wanga (on annual leave) at the CoE&HD Leadership Meeting on Monday, June 3, 2013. Dr. Wanga participated in the CoE&HD Leadership Team meetings on Mondays June 10 and 17, Wednesday, June 19, and Tuesday, June 25, 2013. A day before she travelled to the AAFCS 104th Conference and Expo.

Dr. Wanga joined Chancellor Ukpolo, Dr. Adegboye, College Deans, and student affairs staff on a Wednesday, June 19, 2013 tour and selection of office spaces allocated to SUNO programs at the Landry/Walker education complex in the West Bank.

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER



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

August 2013

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

NAME OF CHANCELLOR: *FREDDIE PITCHER, JR.*

CAMPUS: *SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER*

DATE: *AUGUST 2013*

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Retirement Celebration for Elaine Simmons Honors 32 Years of Dedicated Service



Photo 1, pictured from left: Vice Chancellor Roederick White, retiring Associate Vice Chancellor Elaine Simmons, and Chancellor Pitcher; Photo 2, from left: Andrea Love, director of admission and recruitment; Velma Wilkerson, coordinator of admission; Latonya Wright, records/enrollment assistant; Lois Daigre, administrative assistant III; Lena M. Station, recruitment counselor, Simmons, Chancellor Pitcher, and D'Andrea Joshua Lee, director of records and registration.

Flowers, plaques, jewelry, jewelry box, a legislative proclamation, and donations to a scholarship fund in her name were only a few of the tokens of appreciation given to Associate Vice Chancellor Elaine Simmons at the June 28 retirement celebration honoring her 32 years of dedicated service.

More than 100 well-wishers celebrated with words of praise from students, faculty, administrators, staff, alumni, family members, sorors, and church members. The sentiments included: "We'll definitely miss you!" Thanks for all you have done for SULC." "Have a happy and enjoyable retirement.

SULC Hosts Luncheon for Turkish University Officials, Faculty, and Students

Chancellor Freddie Pitcher, Jr. in a continuing effort to foster educational partnerships between the Southern University Law Center and Kirikkale University, welcomed Turkish University officials, faculty, and students to lunch on June 13. The luncheon was held at the Law Center and was also attended by SULC faculty, administrators and Dr. Barbara Carpenter, Dean of International Education and Osman Kandara, Associate Professor in Computer Science. Chancellor Pitcher said, "It was quite favorable for all involved to meet and greet and share a meal in this campus environment." It was a great cultural experience, he said.

Partnership between SUS, SULC and Kirikkale include faculty and student exchange programs. During the academic year SULC has had a visiting faculty member from Turkey joining the Baton Rouge campus which had 11 faculty members from Turkey involved in an English Language Training Program.

Chancellor Pitcher, Dean Carpenter and Osman Candara, associate professor in computer science, have led the partnership efforts.



Current and future educational partnerships between Southern University Law Center, Southern University's Baton Rouge campus, and Kirikkale University in Turkey took center stage recently as Turkish university officials and SULC and SU faculty, students, and administrators broke bread at the Law Center in June.

**Alums Durham and James Honored As
“Nation’s Best Advocates: 40 Lawyers Under 40,” July 27**



Lacy L. Durham, '06, tax manager, Deloitte Tax, LLP, and Edward “Ted” James, II, '06, state representative, District 101, Louisiana House of Representatives were honored by IMPACT and the National Bar Association (NBA) among the “Nation’s Best Advocates: 40 Lawyers Under 40” at a special awards gala on Saturday, July 27, 2013, during NBA’s 88th Annual Convention in Miami, Florida. Nation’s Best Advocates recognizes talented individuals (age 40 and under) within the African-American legal community who have achieved prominence and distinction, professionally and philanthropically. Nominees were chosen based on their achievement, innovation, vision, leadership, and legal community involvement.

Mediation Training, August 12-16

A mediation training course is scheduled for Monday through Friday, August 12-16, 2013, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Edward L. Patterson Moot Courtroom at the Southern University Law Center.

Students who successfully completed this 40-hour course received a mediation certificate from the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service.

13th Annual Minority Law and Research Institute Draws 31 Students to SULC



Testing Their Trial Skills— Students in the 13th Annual Minority Law and Research Institute (MLARI) competed in mock trials before a team of SULC faculty members in the Edward L. Patterson Moot Courtroom on June 26. Prof. Ollivette Mencer is judging students pictured here.

Thirty-one high school students from South Carolina, North Carolina, New Jersey, Georgia, Virginia, and Alabama attended the 13th Annual Minority Law and Research Institute (MLARI), June 16-27, 2013, hosted by SULC.

The institute is made possible through the Aunt Berta's Kids-In-Need Education Foundation, founded by Joseph Haden, Sr., who also serves as its executive director. It is designed to expose under-represented students to consider careers in law, research, and the legal profession.

The ultimate goal of the Minority Law and Research Institute is to motivate and expose minority students to consider careers in the field of law and to set high expectations for academic achievement, according to Haden.

Participants attended goal-setting and career awareness workshops, sessions on the law and case studies; and benefitted from guest lectures, campus tours, mock trials, and a recognition ceremony.

Law Center faculty and staff who participated in the institute were professors Angela Allen-Bell, Shenequa Grey, Ollivette Mencer, Paul Race, Winston Riddick, and Arthur Stallworth; CLE and Alumni Affairs director Cynthia N. Reed; reference librarian Adrienne Shields, and Career Services counselor Tavares Walker.

Legal Fellows who volunteered with the program were Doning Barber, Bethany Blackson, Taryn Branson, Bernetta Bryant, Jaime Dicks, Quinn Eubanks, Diangelo Frazer, Jordan George, Shandell George, Ryan Hart, Theresa King, Iriane Lee, Cynthia Odika, Gavin Richards, James Roberts, Christine Sangobowale, Ronald Sholes, Jr., and Marcus Walker.

Law student volunteers were Kyla Hemphill and Xavier Simien.

2013 Summer Pre-Law Program Held July 8-August 2

The 2013 Summer Pre-Law Program, an intensive four-week program for incoming law students to help them get acclimated to the legal education environment, was held July 8 – August 2 at A. A. Lenoir Hall.

The theme for 2013 was "Going Beyond the Traditional: Building Academic Confidence." More than thirty percent of the incoming class participated this summer, and there were students on the waiting list, according to Berryl Gordon-Thompson, associate vice chancellor for academic support programs.

"Through instruction in the substantive first year courses (Torts, Contracts, and Basic Civil Procedure), students had the opportunity to analyze and synthesize precedent, interpret statutes, construct policy arguments, and write and speak with clarity and precision," Gordon-Thompson said.

"Pre-law students were also introduced to legal skills, emphasizing legal writing and legal analysis through a skills component of the program," she added.

SULC Hosted CLEO Seminars, June 29 and 30

SULC hosted two seminars for the 2013 Council on Legal Education Opportunity (CLEO) Program's Southwest Region on Saturday and Sunday, June 29 and 30, at A. A. Lenoir Hall.

The seminars, Attitude Is Essential (AIE) and Achieving Success in the Application Process (ASAP) were held each day.

The CLEO Law Fair was held from 4-6 p.m. Saturday, followed by a closing reception.

Odinet Joins Faculty



Christopher K. Odinet joined the SULC faculty as an assistant professor of law, effective June 4.

Prior to joining the faculty, Prof. Odinet was an associate in the real estate and business finance group in the Baton Rouge office of Phelps Dunbar, LLP. His practice involved complex commercial real estate transactions, multi-family and mixed-use developments, and multi-tiered public-private incentive financing.

A 2010 magna cum laude graduate of the LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center, Odinet was editor-in-chief of the Louisiana Law Review and inducted into the Order of the Coif. He formerly worked for Governor Kathleen Blanco in her legislative office.

Odinet has published multiple law review articles in the areas of commercial and property law, as well as real estate financing. His primary teaching and research interests deal with the intersection of commercial and property law with modern public policies and changing societal views. He will teach Security Devices, Obligations, Sales and Lease, and a Seminar on Urban Legal Problems (Housing and Community Development).

On the Go

Vice Chancellor John Pierre has been invited by the Joseph Jenkins Roberts Center for African Diaspora Studies at Norfolk State University to help organize and participate in a Roundtable Discussion on Race, Law, and the Evolution of the American Legal System. The discussion will be part of a two-day conference, "1619: The Making of America." Sessions will be held at the Hampton Roads Convention Center in Hampton on September 26 and in the Student Center at Norfolk State University on September 27, 2013.

Professor Herbert Brown was interviewed by reporters for WAFB and WBRZ-TV news regarding the U.S. Supreme Court decision overturning the 1996 Defense of Marriage Act on June 26.

Professors Gail Stephenson and Virginia Listach gave CLE presentations at the Louisiana Workers' Compensation Judges Quarterly Meeting in Baton Rouge. Stephenson spoke on Effective Judicial Writing, and Listach presented Adjudicating Claims with Self-Represented Litigants (SRL).

Alum Named Chief Deputy of St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office



Brian F. Trainor, '02, has been named chief deputy of the St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office, Sheriff Jack Strain announced recently. Trainor, deputy chief of the agency and member of the department since 2010, replaces sheriff's office veteran Tim Lentz, who retired recently after serving as Strain's chief deputy since 2011.

In 2002, Trainor began an eight-year career as a prosecutor with the district attorney's office. He has served as legal adviser to the sheriff's office and as deputy chief of corrections since 2010.

Jamilla A. Bynog, '09, earned an LL.M. in Trial Advocacy from Temple University, Beasley School of Law in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on May 23, 2013. The LL.M. in Trial Advocacy is the only program of its kind in the country and has been consistently ranked in the top two for trial advocacy by U.S. News and World Report. Bynog is currently a felony prosecutor at the Rapides District Attorney's Office in Alexandria, Louisiana.

Kimberly Hardy-LaMotte, '12, is legislative assistant to Rep. Edward "Ted" James, of Dist. 10. Hardy-LaMotte joined the staff on April 8, 2013.

Tiffany Ratliff, '12, is a staff attorney for 30th Judicial District Court, Vernon Parish, Leesville, Louisiana.



Ware

Jimi Smith, '08, was sworn in as president of the Terrebonne Bar Association, Thursday, June 13. Smith is a partner in the firm of Crighton-Smith, LLC, in Houma, Louisiana.

Brittani Ware, '12, earned an LL.M. from Boston University School of Law in May 2013. Ware recently joined the Ryan Tax Consulting Firm at its Corporate Headquarters Office in Dallas. She is a tax consultant in the firm's State Income-Franchise Practice Group.

Tonya Ozene, '05, and husband, Reco Joiner, welcomed the birth of their daughter, Milan, 6 lbs., 13 oz, born on June 12.

Faith Jenkins, '03, was a featured interviewee on Al Sharpton's, PoliticsNation, which aired on MSNB recently. Jenkins gave her opinion on testimony that was produced during a portion of the criminal trial of George Zimmerman in Florida and gave recent commentary on the Zimmerman trial on CNN.

Special Problems

None

Significant Administrative or Policy Change

None



Dr. Ray L. Belton, Chancellor

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Chancellor's Report

• August 2013

Dr. Brazile Retires After 44 Years of Service

Dr. Orella R. Brazile was recently honored with a retirement celebration after 44 years of service to Southern University at Shreveport. The event was held on Friday, June 28, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. in the Jesse N. Stone Jr. Lecture Hall on SUSLA's campus.

At the celebration, Dr. Brazile was presented with a proclamation from Mayor Cedric Glover's office. She also received cards and gifts from friends, family members and colleagues congratulating her and wishing her the best for a successful and happy future as she enjoys retirement.

Dr. Brazile began her tenure with SUSLA in 1968. While here, she held various positions that include Circulation Librarian, Assistant to the Library Director, Interim Library Director, Library Director, Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs.

Her educational attainments include: B.S. in Social Science, Grambling State University, 1967; MS in Library Science and Technology, East Texas State University, 1973; M.Ed. in Mass Communication, Southern University Baton Rouge, 1976; MSLS in Library Science, North Texas State University, 1982; and a Ph.D. in Library and Information Science, University of North Texas, 1991.

Dr. Brazile is a member of Galilee Baptist Church, Dr. E. Edward Jones, Pastor. She has been cited in Outstanding Young Women of American, Who's Who in Library and Information Science, The World Who's Who of Women, Beta Phi Mu Honorary Society, Who's Who in the South and Southwest, Directory of Library and Information Professionals, and the Directory of Ethnic Professionals in LIS.



Dr. Orella Ramsey Brazile



University staff and community supporters congratulate Dr. Brazile at reception.



SUSLA Partners Biz Camp

Young people from area high schools and the Shreveport Job Corps opened the James K. Elrod BizCamp marketplace at the Louisiana Boardwalk in Bossier City, where they were offered limited-time deals on wholesale items such as branded merchandise, jerseys and various other household items.

The one-day sales event was held as a culmination of the 13th annual JKE BizCamp, an endeavor created in 2001 by James Elrod, President and CEO of Willis-Knighton Health System through the Inner City Entrepreneur Institute.

The two-week program is designed to familiarize inner-city youth with developing and executing a viable small business plan to give them the tools to revitalize the community. *"I found out about it at Byrd," said Kenton Jackson, a 15-year-old sophomore at the school. "I love every second of it. I've learned that being an entrepreneur is not an easy thing. It's going to take some perseverance, hard work and dedication. Not just anyone can be an entrepreneur."*



Over the course of the two-week camp, participants learned about formulating a business model, using PowerPoint to illustrate the revenue-generating idea, and the budgeting and finances required to make it work.

"It's a program that teaches entrepreneurship to kids anywhere from the ages of 14 all the way up to 21," said Darrin Dixon, Director of the Small Business Development Center at Southern University-Shreveport.

Dixon, who has helped young people learn more about the financial aspect of owning a business, said this year, just more than 30 students attended the two-week camp. *"We work from a format that's pretty easy to understand, it's just getting them to understand the terminology and all the nuances that go with the financial statements to get them to see the big picture,"* Dixon said.

BizCamp is the educational arm of the nonprofit organization, and state Representative Roy Burrell, ICE co-founder and manager director, said it is an essential part of an ongoing endeavor to rebuild Shreveport's inner city.

"The mission of ICE overall is to create wealth back into an area that has been pretty much devastated in terms of its tax base, schools and that type of thing," Burrell said. *"In order to recreate an economy for this inner-city area, you need to have strong businesses that can create the revenue necessary to create jobs."*

BizCamp is a program that ICE undertook to focus on young people. *"We felt if we could grow our own entrepreneurs, they would be more responsive to the needs of the area where they actually live,"* Burrell said.

On July 24, members of ICE plan to host a recognition banquet, where members will honor the best of area law enforcement.

YOUTH ENTREPRENEURS

United to Rebuild America

◆ BIZCAMP ◆



GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

SUSLA Receives EPA Job Training Grant

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced that Southern University at Shreveport is one of the recipients of the Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training grant. With the award amount of \$200,000.00 SUSLA will use the funds to recruit, train, and find employment for individuals who fall into one or more of these categories: unemployed, underemployed, or lack adequate skills to be marketable in the workplace.

Trainees who complete the program will be assisted in acquiring employment in environmental health and safety jobs that will also provide them with sustaining wages to support their families. Graduates of the program will acquire training in a variety of areas such as environmental health and safety, lead and asbestos abatement, wastewater treatment, Brownfields assessment and cleanup, leaking underground storage tank removal, recycling, and emergency response. They will also receive a license from the EPA Department as an Asbestos Contract Supervisor. Graduates will be provided with certifications in OSHA and HAZWOPER certifications from the Shreveport Fire Academy; and CPR and First Aid certifications from the American

Heart Saver Association.

SUSLA competed against other nationwide institutions for one of 14 grants that were to be awarded. That was no easy feat, but through the combined efforts of the grant writing team: Beverly Parker, Major Brock, Dennis Holmes and John Patterson, their tenacity and diligence resulted in a winning proposal.

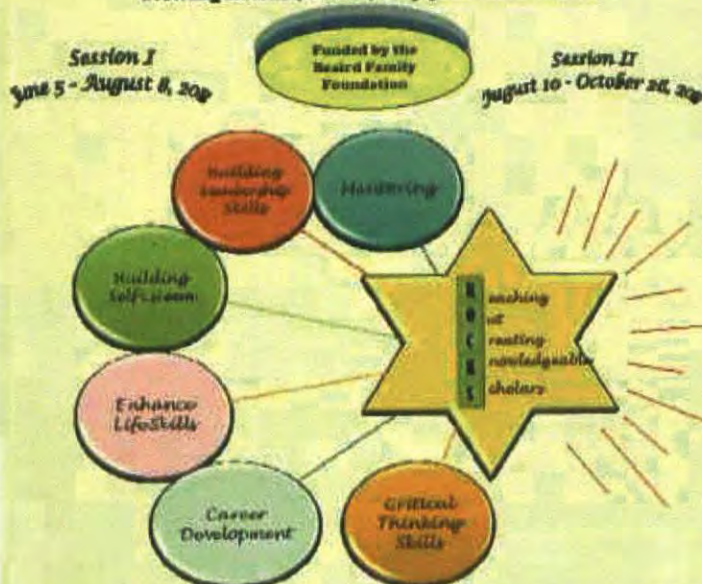
SUSLA's Division of Community and Workforce Development (CWD) has always had the responsibility of coordinating the EPA training for the University. "Over the past 12 years, Southern University at Shreveport has enjoyed a very successful history with the EPA Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training Program. We are especially proud of the most recent efforts of Ms. Beverly Parker and the Office of Workforce Development for the extra effort they made to engage community stakeholders in the development of this proposal. These efforts obviously made for a quality submission and will ensure that the community stakeholders are working collaboratively to identify, train and place individuals in meaningful, environmental occupations", stated Janice Sneed, Vice Chancellor for Community and Workforce Development.



Female ROCKS Reaching Out Creating Knowledgeable Scholars

FEMALE ROCKS!

An Enhancement program for Middle and High School Females
Providing academic, cultural, and psychosocial enrichment



Southern University at Shreveport's Division of Student Affairs, is proud to announce an award of a thirty-thousand dollar Female ROCKS grant from the Carolyn W. & Charles T. Beard Foundation!

Congratulations to the Directors from the TRiO Community Outreach Programs, Mrs. Betty Fagbeyiro, Mrs. Reta Stewart, and Mrs. Elaine Casey.

In keeping with the role, scope and mission of Southern University at Shreveport, the purpose of this grant is to provide academic, cultural, and psychosocial enrichment for female students in middle and high school.

There are two sessions, Session I beginning June 5th- August 8th and Session II, starting August 10th- October 26th.



SUSF Hosts 14th Annual Gentlemen Cooking Classic

The 2013 14th Annual Brookshire Grocery Company – Super 1/ Southern University at Shreveport Foundation Gentlemen's Cooking Classic was held Saturday, June 22, 2013, at the Shreveport Convention Center. This year's theme, "Southern Cooking Mardi Gras Style" (*Hey Mister, Throw Me Something*).

The event posted an attendance of 1600 plus persons, with 51 Adult Chef Booths and 11 Junior & Lil Chef booths. All volunteering their culinary skills and spooning up delicious food for everyone. For fourteen (14) years the classic has showcased the culinary skills of local chefs, known and unknown, for the benefit of raising monies for scholarships for students attending Southern University at Shreveport.

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2013 Mavice Colley Walette Founders' Award Recipients

This year saw the introduction of the establishment of the Mavice Colley Walette GCC Founders Award, which recognized Mrs. Mavice Colley Walette as the founder of this event. The Honorees this year were: Mrs. Virginia Shehee, President – CEO/Kilpatrick Life Insurance Company; Senator Gregory W. Tarver, Senator of District 39; and Rev. E. Edward Jones, Pastor of Galilee Missionary Baptist Church.



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State Senator District 39



Dr. E. Edward Jones
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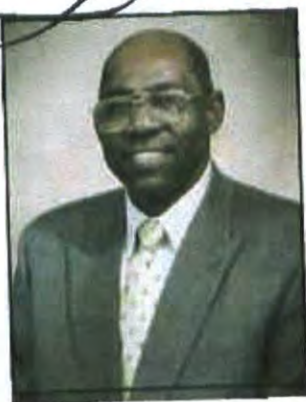
Two of Mrs. Walette's children:
Mr. Alonzo Walette and Mrs. Nola Walette Washington

This year's event was also pleased to honor as Southern Gentlemen: Rev. Harry Blake, Pastor of Mount Canaan; Mr. Kevin McCotter, Vice President of Corporate Development/Government Relations Chesapeake Energy; Dr. Emmanuel Igbokwe, former Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs of Southern University at Shreveport; and Mr. Ivan Smith, Jr., President/CEO Ivan Smith Furniture.

Congratulations! 2013 Southern Gentlemen



Rev. Harry Blake
Pastor
Mt. Canaan Baptist Church
Civil Rights Activist



Dr. Emmanuel Igbokwe
Former Vice Chancellor
Southern University
at Shreveport



J. Kevin McCotter
Vice President of Corporate
Development /
Government Relations
Chesapeake Energy



Ivan I. Smith, Jr.
President / CEO
Ivan Smith Furniture

The Southern Gents awards were provided and presented by Mr. Craig Rhodes, Sales Representative from Lee Michael's Fine Jewelry.

Once again, Mr. John Hubbard, SWEPCO/Manager External Affairs for NW Louisiana, served as Chair of the event and Mrs. Helen Godfrey-Smith, President-CEO/Shreveport Federal Credit Union, served as Co-Chair.



Dr. Belton pictured with 2013 GCC Chairs.

Check Award Presentations to SUSF



The SUSF received check presentations from Mrs. Godfrey-Smith and The Tari Bradford Scholarship Foundation in the amount of \$6,000.00 for student scholarships.

A quick snapshot...

(left) Lil' Chef ages 6-12 years of age.



We were honored to have as our Mistress and Master of Ceremonies, Ms. Keristen Holmes and Mr. Brian Fowler, KTBS-Channel 3.



This year the Foundation presented a new category of Junior chefs ages 13-17.



SUSF Board Member, Dottie H. Bell served as coordinator for the Junior and Lil' Chef categories.



Bishop Brandon and his awarding winning cakes.



Shreveport's Mayor, The Honorable Cedric B. Glover served his delicious - velvety tasting vanilla ice cream with a variety of fresh fruit.



Frank William, Jr., SUSF Executive Director made presentation to representative from Brookshires' Grocery Company.



District Attorney, Richard Johnson, served it up "whole hog style".

The crowd enjoyed several local krewes who were also in attendance.



We take extreme pride and honor in thanking our Corporate Title Sponsor, Brookshire Grocery Company-Super 1, Lee Michael's Fine Jewelry, Chancellor, Dr. Ray L. Belton, our host of other sponsors, volunteers, staff and the thousand of patrons who come annually to assure the success of the wonderful event.

SUMMER ACTIVITIES - UPWARD BOUND NORTH AND SOUTH

UPWARD BOUND STUDENTS PROVIDES COMMUNITY SERVICE



The Upward Bound participants were very excited about serving lunch to the residents of the Shreveport-Bossier Rescue Mission. They also helped to clean the kitchen area and learned the importance of lending a helping hand to those in need.

UPWARD BOUND SOUTH VISITS SHREVEPORT LUCAS WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

Wednesday, June 5, 2013

When students toured the plant they learned that the emphasis of the Wastewater Division is to control pollutants in our environment and to safely and cost-effectively treat wastewater and bio-solids to levels that meet and exceed state, local, and federal government regulations.



UPWARD BOUND SOUTH ATTENDS YMCA CAMP FORBING

Monday, June 24, 2013

The students were very active in a rigorous challenge and team-building ropes course activities. Topics of discussion included how to:

- Improve group skills in communication and leadership.
- Develop trust and respect for individual differences.
- Improve group cohesion and teamwork.
- Create a supportive environment.
- Increase self confidence and self esteem.
- Have Fun.



UPWARD BOUND NORTH

For many students, the summer months are a time to take a break and rest. For Upward Bound North, however, our Summer Year (SY) has been one of the busiest to date! Not only did we continue with the tradition of bridging ten of our graduating seniors into SUSLA's first summer session; we had eight students enroll in the STEM program, we put a new spin on our annual End of the Year program by making it a TRiO Achievers' Luncheon, "Celebration of Black History". This year we invited UBN alumni to come and update us on their current successes and to encourage our underclassmen to stick with Upward Bound so that they too can go to college and achieve great things.



Upward Bound North students participated in many activities this summer that included: cardiopulmonary resuscitation, (CPR), training with the Shreveport Police and Fire Training Academy; a tour of Libbey Glass, the Louisiana State Exhibit Museum, Bossier Parish Community College, 8th Air Force Base Museum and SUSLA Aerospace and nature walks at the Garden of the American Rose Center and Walter B. Jacobs Memorial Nature Park. We also partnered with local organizations for community service. Our students helped sort and box fruit, canned goods and other basic foods for needy families with the Food Bank of Northwest Louisiana and they collected pennies and other loose change for the Penny Harvest to donate to those in need with Louisiana 211 affiliated with Centerpiece Community Services in Shreveport.



Finally, Upward Bound North took our students to Raleigh, North Carolina for our annual End of the Year trip. We toured Shaw University, which was founded in 1865 and was the first African American institution of higher learning in the South and one of the first in the nation. Their women's basketball team, the Lady Bears, is the defending national champion and will be making their third straight appearance in the Division NCAA Tournament. We also visited North Carolina's State Legislative Building, where we toured the building and had the opportunity to speak with four state senators: Senators Ben Clark (Dem), Joel D. M. Ford (Dem), Gladys A. Robinson (Dem) and Tommy Tucker (Rep). We wrapped up the trip with a visit to a water park, shopping at a local mall and dinner at Ruby Tuesday.



We had a great time this summer with all of our students and we are looking forward to another fun filled but educational year.





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