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CHANCELLOR GANTT'S PRIORITIES

2023 - 2024

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Increasing Enrollment:

A vibrant and diverse student body is the heart of any successful institution.

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Adopting a Student-Centric Approach:

By putting students' needs, aspirations, and success first, we can provide them with a holistic and impactful educational journey.

3

Attract Qualified Educators & Professionals and Retain Talented Employees:

A strong academic community begins with outstanding educators and professionals.

4

Promoting a Culture of Institutional Effectiveness:

By fostering a culture of continuous improvement, we can enhance our processes and ensure that we are delivering on our promise of excellence.

5

Enhancing Customer Service and Stewardship of Place:

Providing exceptional service to our students, faculty, staff, and stakeholders is paramount as well as an understanding that what is good for the community is good for SUSLA.

6

Cultivating Relationships Between Faculty and Staff:

Collaboration and communication between our faculty and staff are essential for a cohesive and productive academic environment.

7

Investing in Infrastructure and Facilities:

Providing state-of-the-art facilities is crucial to creating an optimal learning environment.

Increasing Enrollment

SUSLA SHOWCASE ATTRACTS HUNDREDS OF STUDENTS

Southern University at Shreveport held SUSLA Showcase to give potential students an opportunity to see everything that SUSLA has to offer from academics to student life. Students from all over northwest Louisiana came to get a first hand look at what they could expect if they decide to attend SUSLA. Our Student Affairs and Enrollment Management team along with Academic Affairs put together a wonderful experience for all in attendance.

Visitors were greeted by Dr. Aubra Gantt, Chancellor of Southern University at Shreveport, Dr. Devonye Brown, Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Enrollment Management and student leaders. Faculty, staff and students gave our guest guided tours around the campus to introduce them to campus venues, programs and our faculty.



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Adopting a Student-Centric Approach

SUSLA TRANSFER DAY ATTRACTS AREA COLLEGES

SUSLA's Student Support Services and the SGA held Transfer Day in the Jessie N. Stone Lecture Hall. The event is designed to assist our students who are ready to transfer to a 4-year institution. The Universities in attendance were Southern University Baton Rouge, University of Louisiana, Southern University New Orleans, University of Louisiana Lafayette, Northwestern State University, Grambling State University, Louisiana Tech, University of Louisiana Monroe, LSU-Shreveport, University of Arkansas Pine Bluff, Southern Arkansas University, Philander Smith, Wiley College, Texas College and Stillman of Alabama. Those in attendance also enjoyed music, food trucks, and refreshments.



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Adopting a Student-Centric Approach



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Founders' Day Convocation at SUSLA

Students Take Center Stage

Southern University at Shreveport celebrated 144 years of the Southern University System with a convocation that recognized student achievement. Three students were selected (1 from each division) to be honored for exemplifying scholarship & community leadership:

- Mr. Michael Shane Gardner, Allied Health
- Mr. Keyun Ellington, Arts and Humanities
- Mr. Christopher Davis, BSTEM
- The Lady Jags Basketball Team received the Chancellor's Award



Katina Semien Smothers, Esq. was the speaker for the occasion and energized the crowd with an encouraging speech. Other guests in attendance included Zazell Dudley-SUS Board Member, Wendell Piper-President of SUS Foundation, and Tari Bradford-Senior Assistant to the Mayor/Intergovernmental and Community Affairs, City of Shreveport.



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Adopting a Student-Centric Approach



SUSLA Radiologic Technology Program Student Shines in LSRT Student Bee Competition



Kayleigh Harrison, a dedicated student of the Radiologic Technology Program at Southern University Shreveport (SUSLA), recently showcased her expertise and commitment to the field by securing the second-place position in the prestigious 2024 LSRT Midwinter Junior Division Student Bee Competition. The event, hosted by the Louisiana Society of Radiologic Technologists (LSRT), took place on Saturday, March 9, 2024, at the LSU Alexandria campus in Alexandria, Louisiana.

In this highly competitive event, Kayleigh Harrison competed against students from accredited Radiologic Technology programs across the state of Louisiana. The LSRT Student Bee competition serves as a platform for students to demonstrate their knowledge, skills, and

platform for students to demonstrate their knowledge, skills, and understanding of radiologic technology theory while vying for accolades and monetary prizes. Additionally, the competition fosters a spirit of healthy competition among aspiring technologists and encourages student membership in LSRT.

The LSRT Student Bee competition witnessed impressive performances from students representing various institutions. While Kayleigh Harrison secured the remarkable second-place position for SUSLA, the first-place honor was claimed by a student from LSU Eunice, with Northwestern State University securing the third-place position.

Participating institutions included Northwestern State University, Louisiana; Louisiana State University at Alexandria; Louisiana State University at Eunice; Southern University at Shreveport, and the University of Louisiana at Monroe. Kayleigh Harrison's achievement not only reflects her dedication to academic excellence but also brings recognition to SUSLA's Radiologic Technology Program.



Adopting a Student-Centric Approach

Youth Leadership Institute Career Exploration Day

The Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Delta Lambda Omega Chapter, hosted Career Exploration Day with their Youth Leadership Institute (YLI). Speakers provided information regarding their particular industries and tools for success! Monique Armand, MS KICK Executive Director, spoke with several of the Youth about the qualifications needed to become a Chef, the average salary in the industry, and the most important aspect of being a Chef, food safety.



Monique Armand
MS KICK Executive Director



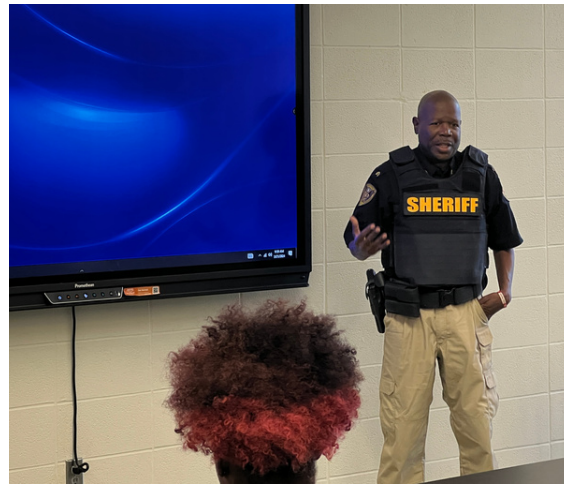
Dr. Sharron Herron-Williams SUSLA
Demetrius Norman, NWLA Maker Space



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Community Policing Event Educates Students



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JAGUAR MEN RECEIVE CONFERENCE RECOGNITION COACH DELVIN WILLIAMS NOMINATED FOR COACH OF THE YEAR

-  Coach Delvin Williams nominated for LCCAC Coach of the year Award for the 2023-2024 season.
-  #3 Zyquarius Cowart named LCCAC Player of the Year for the 2023-2024 season, First team All Conference.
-  #5 Leon Smith named LCCAC Defensive Player of the Year for the 2023-2024 season. First Team All Conference, All Defensive Team
-  #5 LaTrell Holly named LCCAC 2nd Team All Conference for the 2023-2024 season. All Defensive Team
-  #2 Jahmal Byers named LCCAC 2nd Team All Conference for the 2023-2024 season.
-  #30 Kevin Wiltz named LCCAC Honorable Mention.



Adopting a Student-Centric Approach

LADY JAGS RECEIVE CONFERENCE RECOGNITION LADY JAGS ADD MORE HARDWARE TO THEIR COLLECTION

-  Coach Matthew Hines named LCCAC Coach of the year Award for the 2023-2024 season.
-  #1 Allison Owens named LCCAC Player of the Year Award for the 2023-2024 season.
-  #3 Ikeia Brown named LCCAC 1st Team All Conference for the 2023-2024 season.
-  #5 Alexis Foster named LCCAC 2nd Team All Conference for the 2023-2024 season.



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Promoting a Culture of Institutional Effectiveness

Suicide Awareness Workshop for Educators

Dr. Anjelica Hart, Instructor of Psychology and Disability Services Coordinator, recently conducted a workshop titled, *Cultivating Compassion: Suicide Awareness Workshop for Educators* at the LASAP (Louisiana Association of Student Assistance Programs) 52nd Annual Pre-Conference. The workshop aimed to equip educators with the knowledge and tools necessary to identify and address signs of distress among students. Dr. Hart emphasized the growing importance of recognizing the signs of suicidal ideation, particularly within the educational context. Drawing on her experience in the field, she delved into the unique challenges faced by educators in identifying and supporting students who may be struggling with mental health issues.

The workshop covered key aspects, such as understanding risk factors and warning signs, fostering open communication, and implementing effective prevention strategies within school environments. Dr. Hart highlighted the crucial role educators play in creating a supportive and compassionate atmosphere that encourages students to reach out for help. Attendees were provided with practical resources and guidance on implementing school-wide programs to promote mental health and suicide prevention. The presentation encouraged a proactive approach, emphasizing the importance of early intervention and collaboration among educators, administrators, and mental health professionals.

As schools strive to create safe and nurturing environments for their students, workshops like these play a vital role in ensuring that educators are well-informed and prepared to tackle the complexities of mental health issues. Dr. Hart's contribution to the LASAP pre-conference workshop is a testament to the ongoing efforts to prioritize mental health awareness and support within the education community.



Enhancing Customer Service and Stewardship of Place

HBCU DAY AT THE CAPITOL

The Louisiana Legislature recognized Tuesday, March 19, 2024, as Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) Day at the Louisiana State Capitol. Louisiana is proud to be home to eight Historically Black Colleges and Universities: Dillard University, Grambling State University, Southern University and A&M College, Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center, Southern University Law Center, Southern University at New Orleans, Southern University at Shreveport, and Xavier University of Louisiana. HBCU presidents, legislators, student leaders, and the Board of Regents board officials were on hand for the festivities.

Louisiana is home to the nation's only HBCU System, the Southern University System, which, according to a legislative proclamation, "is uniquely positioned as an exemplar with a profound commitment to research and student success and whose Board of Supervisors is celebrating fifty years of service to the students, faculty, staff, and community surrounding the system's five campuses in Baton Rouge, New Orleans, and Shreveport."



Representative Jason Hughes and Senator Gerald Boudreaux presented Legislative Resolutions for HBCU Day 2024 and the all participants were invited to attend the unveiling of the HBCU Exhibit at Capitol Park Museum. Each school was asked to feature a program and the SUSLA Aerospace Technology program was our centerpiece at the assembly.



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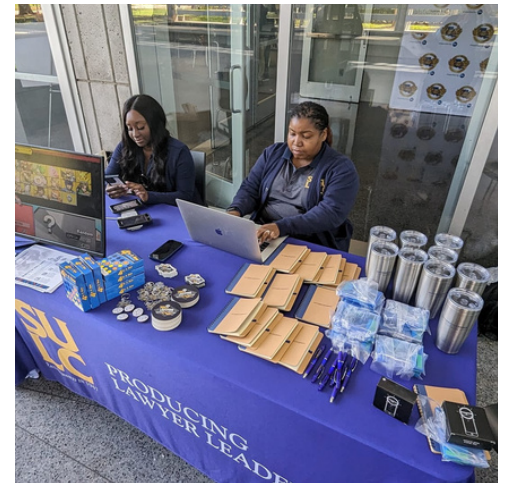
Among those in attendance were Rick Gallot-President University of Louisiana System, Dennis Shields-President Southern University System, Dr. Kim Hunter-Reed-Louisiana Commissioner of Higher Education, Dr. Aubra Gantt-Chancellor Southern University at Shreveport, and other Southern University representatives.

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CHANCELLOR GANTT CO-HOSTS DILLARD ALUMNI EVENT



Dillard University's Concert Choir traveled to Shreveport to perform at Centenary College as part of their spring tour. Chancellor Aubra Gantt partnered with Dillard to cohost the President's Bleu Pride Rising Luncheon which was hosted by the Dillard North Louisiana Alumni Association. The Alumni event was held at the Southern University Museum of Art, Shreveport (SUMAS).

Dr. Gantt stated, "I am pleased to partner with Dillard to welcome President Ford and Dillard's N. Louisiana Alumni to SUMAS, especially during Women's History Month. I believe this will be the beginning of a partnership that will yield many opportunities for students at both institutions."

Among those in attendance were William C. Bradford, Jr. - Vice President of external affairs for Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO), the Honorable Carl E. Stewart - United States Circuit Judge, United States Court of Appeals Fifth Judicial Circuit, Shreveport, Louisiana, Stephanie Rogers - Executive VP, Institutional Advancement for Dillard, and Dr. Rochelle Ford - President of Dillard University. Dr. Gantt and Dr. Ford are the 8th to lead their respective institutions.



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Cultivating Relationships Between Faculty and Staff

SUSLA RECOGNIZES EMPLOYEES FOR YEARS OF SERVICE IN RECOGNITION OF FOUNDERS' DAY

An employee recognition & awards program and luncheon was held on Wednesday, March 20th to celebrate employees who have reached five, ten, twenty, thirty and forty year work anniversary milestones. Congratulations to all 25 honorees. It was a day filled with excitement and joy.



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Cultivating Relationships Between Faculty and Staff

Founders' Day Honorees



Danielle Anderson
Educational Advocate
10 Years of Service



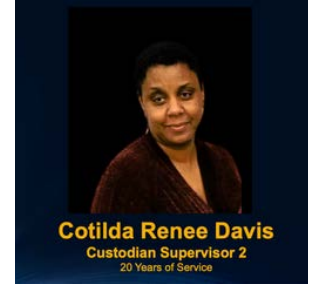
DeNesia Anderson
Executive Assistant | Grants Coordinator
5 Years of Service



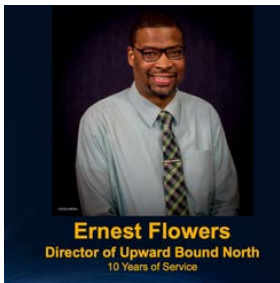
Devonye Brown, Ed.D.
Interim Vice Chancellor
Student Affairs & Enrollment Management
20 Years of Service



Shaneisha Bryant
Admissions Coordinator/Transfer Analyst
5 Years of Service



Cotilda Renee Davis
Custodian Supervisor 2
20 Years of Service



Ernest Flowers
Director of Upward Bound North
10 Years of Service



Jennifer S. Green
Associate Professor
20 Years of Service



Dr. Sharon F. Green
Associate Professor
40 Years of Service



Zenobia Henderson
Director of Upward Bound Natchitoches
20 Years of Service



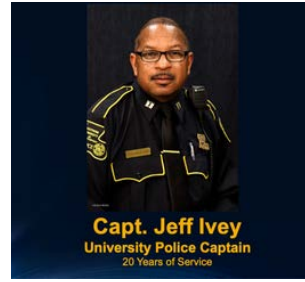
Dr. Sharron Herron-Williams
Professor
5 Years of Service



Urina F. Holt
Student Success Coach
20 Years of Service



Sonya D. Hester
Associate Professor
30 Years of Service



Capt. Jeff Ivey
University Police Captain
20 Years of Service



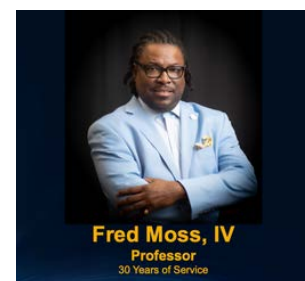
Didaciana Keys
Department Chair
30 Years of Service



Shannon Levingston
Training Coordinator, SBDC
5 Years of Service



Monica McEachin
Dual Enrollment Coordinator
5 Years of Service



Fred Moss, IV
Professor
30 Years of Service



Ted Scott
Williams Center Director
5 Years of Service



Quiana B. Skidmore
Director of Human Resources
5 Years of Service



Gwendolyn Tennell
Asst. Director of E-Learning/LMS Administrator
5 Years of Service



Daphne Thibeaux
Associate Professor
20 Years of Service



Felecia Thomas
Admissions Counselor
5 Years of Service



Bonita Vance
Administrative Assistant IV
20 Years of Service



Shirley Vides
Associate Professor/Department Chair
10 Years of Service



LaChandra Wells
Assistant Professor/Clinical Coordinator
10 Years of Service

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