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Agriculture Under Secretary Visits SU

On Thursday, September 29, 2022 U.S. **Agriculture Under Secretary Robert Bonnie** visited the campus of Southern University Baton Rouge. While on campus, Bonnie met with Southern University officials, rice producers, agricultural stakeholders and rice industry leaders to discuss climate smart agriculture. During a panel discussion at the Valdry Center for Philanthropy, he also addressed the role that the United States Department of Agriculture plays in the development of climate smart agriculture partnerships that benefit the environment, producers and consumers.

As a part of his remarks Bonnie highlighted Supreme Rice’s Climate-Smart Commodities Project in partnership with Southern University and others. In conjunction with the project Southern University will provide for the development, testing, validation, and deployment of customized automated software for the purpose of quantification and verification of Alternative Wetting and Drying data. The University will also participate in pre-season and in-season training of growers on website use and recordkeeping submission.



On Campus...

Department of Family and Consumer Sciences



On Friday, September 23, 2022 the **College of Agricultural, Family and Consumer Sciences** held its first **Beta Iota Chapter of Phi Upsilon Omicron Honor Society Initiation** since 2017. Nine students and four faculty members were initiated into the Honor Society. Phi Upsilon Omicron is a national Family and Consumer Sciences organization which requires students to be selected based on their grade point average, community involvement, and department service.

On Campus...

School of Nursing

Dr. Cheryl Taylor, Associate Professor of Nursing in the SUBR School of Nursing was one of five nurses recognized by the National League for Nursing (NLN) as a Nurse Educator of the Year during the 2022 NLN Education Summit in Las Vegas September 28-30. Created in recognition of nursing education excellence, innovation, and inspiration, the award recipients were selected among nominees from students, nurses, deans, directors of schools of nursing, and administrators in health and hospital systems across the nation.



College of Sciences & Engineering

*On September 29, 2022, the Engineering Accrediting Commission of ABET granted the **SUBR College of Sciences & Engineering** accreditation for the maximum number of 6 years for the following programs: Civil Engineering, Electrical Engineering and Mechanical Engineering.*

On Campus...

SUBR NAVY ROTC Joins LSU Corps of Cadets on 9/11 Stair Climb at Tiger Stadium

On September 7, 2022, **Southern University's Navy ROTC**, LSU's Army and Air Force ROTC, Baton Rouge Policemen, Baton Rouge Firemen, LSU's IFC and PHC, and a handful of other organizations and individuals came together in an effort to commemorate the events that took place on September 11, 2001, commonly known as 9/11. Lives lost in the Al'Qaida terrorist attacks against the World Trade Centers and the Pentagon that Tuesday equated to nearly 3,000, with countless more impacted by those losses. To symbolize that 21 years later we have not forgotten and will never forget, Southern University NROTC climbed the stairs of Tiger Stadium in remembrance of the mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers, sons and daughters whose lives were taken. As an organization dedicated to the development of future service members, it was an especially meaningful event.

This event, among many others hosted by LSU's Corps of Cadets, represent a vital relationship between Southern University NROTC and its fellow branch ROTC's. Students exposed to operations within Army and Air Force ROTC's are better prepared to face the challenges of the uniformed service with a deeper understanding and appreciation of joint warfare. This event represented a clear reminder of the role the United States military plays in the world and the responsibility bestowed upon the current and future leaders of our military.

As a Southern University based organization, SU NROTC holds a unique relationship with its cross-town affiliate university organizations. Students from LSU and SU enjoy a dual campus membership, enriching their academic and cultural experience, while broadening their potential as future leaders of our nation's military. SU NROTC looks to further its relationships with organizations on Southern and LSU's campus in the years to come with an explicit focus on STEM and physical fitness.

