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SUSLA AWARDED \$500,000 FROM THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION (FAA) FOR AVIATION MAINTENANCE TECHNOLOGY

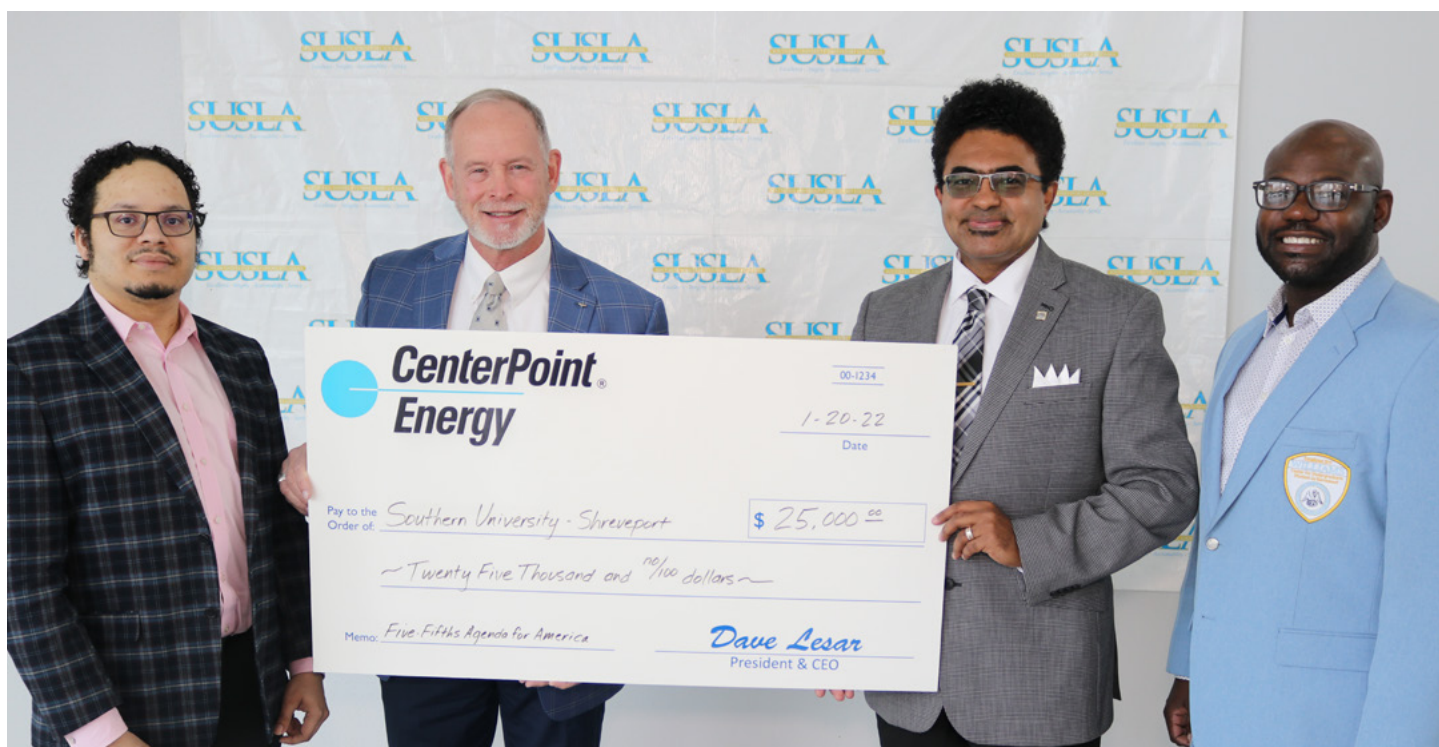


The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) recently awarded \$500,000 to Southern University at Shreveport's aviation maintenance technology (AMT) program located at the Shreveport Downtown Airport in Shreveport.

Funding will be used to prepare participants to pursue aviation maintenance careers and FAA certification. This includes conducting outreach about careers in the aviation maintenance industry to secondary and post-secondary students as well as military veterans supporting educational opportunities related to aviation maintenance through summer camps, dual enrollment, and short-term training. Stipends and scholarships will be available for training-related expenses and FAA certification exams.

The announcement comes at a crucial time in the aerospace technology industry. "We're in a situation where we have baby boomers that are retiring and we don't have enough new blood to replace them," said Timothy Banks, director of the university's AMT program. "So, this funding by the FAA is going to help us increase our enrollment." "We need to build the next generation, establishing a new pipeline of aviation technicians to take over these very critical duties and responsibilities," said Vladimir Alexander Appeaning, Interim Chancellor of SUSLA.

CENTERPOINT ENERGY AWARDS \$25,000 GRANT TO SUSLA



PICTURED (L TO R): JOE SHINE, JR. FROM THE OFFICE OF LOUISIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, ERIC BARKLEY OF CENTER POINT ENERGY, DR. VLADIMIR APPEANING, INTERIM CHANCELLOR, AND MR. TED SCOTT, DIRECTOR OF THE WILLIAMS CENTER

On Thursday, January 20, 2022, CenterPoint Energy presented SUSLA's Interim Chancellor Dr. Vladimir Appeaning with a \$25,000 check to support The Williams Center for Undergraduate Student Achievement. The grant will be used to provide scholarships and support program services to enhance opportunities for students enrolled in the program.

In 2017, with seed money from Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Williams, the Williams Center for Undergraduate Student Achievement was established at Southern University at Shreveport in cooperation with the Southern University System's Five-Fifths Agenda for America initiative. SUSLA's Interim Chancellor Dr. Vladimir A. Appeaning said, "This grant will help the Williams Center for Undergraduate Student Achievement in attaining its goal of increasing the graduation rates of African-American males with baccalaureate degrees in the STEM fields. In effect, we will be strengthening the fabric of local families and communities in Northwest Louisiana! We are very appreciative to CenterPoint for investing in this initiative."

District Manager for CenterPoint Energy Mr. Eric Barkley stated, "Our Foundation strives to be a catalyst in our communities we serve. We recognize that our success – and the success of our neighbors -- is inextricably linked to the vibrancy of our communities. We seek to improve the communities we serve by supporting programs that encourage community connections, improve quality of life and promote inclusion to help communities thrive."

CenterPoint Energy sells and delivers natural gas to more than 4.5 million homes and businesses in eight states: Arkansas, Indiana, Louisiana, Minnesota (including Minneapolis), Mississippi, Ohio, Oklahoma and Texas (including greater Houston area). The company is investing in modernizing natural gas infrastructure and is committed to eliminating cast-iron pipe in all of its territories. In North Louisiana, CenterPoint Energy operating companies serve more than 130,000 customers and have more than 4,100 miles of pipe.

Grant participants include: Mr. Ted Scott, Director for the Williams Center at SUSLA and Eric Barkley of CenterPoint Energy along with Ms. Terrye Braiden SU System Foundation. For more information about the Williams Center, contact Mr. Ted Scott at tscott@susla.edu



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**VIRTUAL SPRING 2022
FACULTY/STAFF INSTITUTE**

THEME: COMMITTED TO EXCELLENCE

FRIDAY, JANUARY 21ST | 8:00 AM-12:00 PM
VIA ZOOM

<https://sus.zoom.us/j/93990861516?pwd=cUtuVzUzb0hFVFBIZGdScTVEV0lxdz09>

**DR. ANGELIQUE FEASTER EVANS, MUSEUM COORDINATOR
PRESIDING AT 8:15 AM**

8:15 AM	Invocation/Motivational Moment	Mr. Ted Scott <i>Director of Williams Center for Undergraduate Achievement</i>
8:25 AM	Greetings	Mr. JaQuan Davie <i>SGA President</i> Miss Jennifer Pickens <i>Miss SUSLA</i> Ms. Sandra Bigham <i>Staff Senate President, Director of Curriculum & Planning</i> Professor Fred Moss, IV <i>Faculty Senate President, Assistant Professor of Journalism Co-Director of the Center of Critical Race Studies and Civic Engagement</i>
8:45 AM	Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Professor Daphne Thibeaux <i>Faculty Senate Vice President, Associate Professor of Radiologic Technology Clinical Coordinator</i>
8:50 AM	State of the University Address	Dr. Vladimir A. Appeaning <i>Interim Chancellor</i>
9:20 AM	Introduction of New Employees	Ms. Quiana Skidmore <i>Interim Director of Human Resources</i>
9:30 AM	Video Presentations: Accomplishments by Division	
25 mins	Academic Affairs & Workforce Development	Dr. Barry Hester <i>Interim Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs & Workforce Development</i>
20 mins	Student Affairs & Enrollment Management	Dr. Melva Williams <i>Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs & Enrollment Management</i>
15 mins	Finance & Administration	Dr. Antonius Pegues <i>Vice Chancellor of Finance & Administration</i>
10 mins	Advancement	Mrs. Stephanie Rogers <i>Chief Advancement Officer</i>
10 mins	Foundation	Mr. Frank Williams <i>Executive Director of the SUSLA Foundation</i>
10 mins	Grants & Sponsored Programs	Ms. Stephanie Graham <i>Director of Grants & Sponsored Programs</i>
10 mins	Human Resources	Ms. Quiana Skidmore <i>Interim Director of Human Resources</i>
10 mins	COVID-19 Update	Ms. Yvette Allen <i>COVID-19 Coordinator</i>
10 mins	ADA/Disability	Dr. Anjelica Hart <i>Instructor of Psychology & Section 504 Coordinator</i>
10 mins	Title IX	Dr. Tuesday Mahoney <i>Assistant Vice Chancellor for Student Access & Title IX Coordinator</i>
5 mins	SACSCOC	Dr. Devonye Brown <i>Director of Outcomes Assessment & Quality Management</i>
12:00 PM	Closing Remarks	Dr. Angelique Feaster Evans <i>Museum Coordinator</i>
12:05 PM	Adjournment	

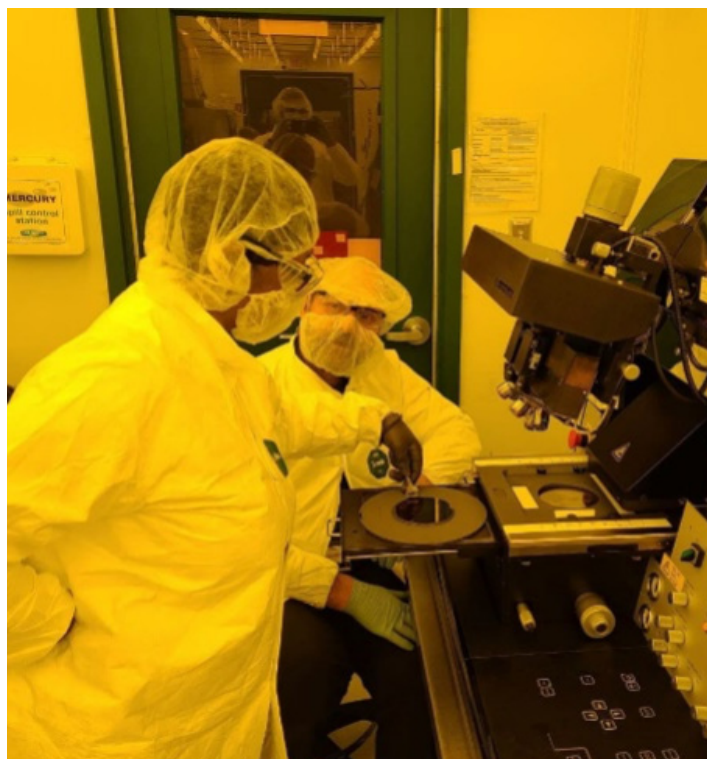
SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY AT SHREVEPORT BEGINS THE SCHOOL YEAR WITH THE VIRTUAL SPRING 2022 FACULTY/STAFF INSTITUTE

An aroma of excitement and anticipation filled the air as Southern University at Shreveport began the 2022 Spring Semester with the Virtual Faculty/Staff Institute (FSI). The 2022 Virtual FSI commenced on Friday, January 21, 2022, at 8:15 a.m. with 185 participants joining via Zoom.

Dr. Angelique Feaster Evans eloquently served as the presiding officer of an event that is one of the few times the entire body convenes during the semester. The theme for the Institute was "Committed to Excellence." Mr. Ted Scott enthusiastically capitalized on the theme as he energetically opened the Institute with the Invocation/Motivational Moment.

Miss Jennifer Pickens, Miss SUSLA; Professor Fred Moss, Faculty Senate President; and Ms. Sandra Bigham, Staff Senate President delivered warm words of greetings to the SUSLA family. Dr. Vladimir A. Appeaning, Interim Chancellor of SUSLA, passionately presented the State of the University Address.

DR. KENIE MOSES AND MS. STEPHANIE GRAHAM TRAVEL TO NEW MEXICO FOR TRAINING PROGRAM IN CLEANROOM TECHNOLOGY



Chair of the Department of Engineering & Technology, Dr. Kenie Moses and Director of Sponsored Programs, Ms. Stephanie Graham traveled to the University of New Mexico and participated in a weeklong training program in Cleanroom Technology and several Nanotechnology manufacturing processes such as: Photolithography, Chemical Vapor Deposition (CVD), Wet and Dry Etching, Wafer Manufacturing among other Nanotechnology and manufacturing processes. Their participation in this training will further the Department of Engineering & Technology's goal of bringing innovative degree and certificate programs to SUSLA for students to earn highly desired credentials. Furthermore, participation in this training will assist the Office of Sponsored Programs in developing highly competitive grant proposals for national funding agencies in the areas of STEM.

The undergraduate research experience (URE) program at the University of New Mexico in the Manufacturing, Training and Technology Center (MTTC), located in Albuquerque, New Mexico is a National Science Foundation (NSF) funded program and is headed by MTTC Director, Dr. Matt Pleil. The center is also part of Dr. Pleil's Micro Nanotechnology Special Interest Group (MNT-SIG) which hosts Summer and semester-long REU's. Dr. Matt Pleil's email contact is mpleil@unm.edu for further information about the undergraduate research experience in Nano and Cleanroom Technology.





FAMILY OF SUSLA ALUM/ENGINEER AND SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY AT SHREVEPORT FOUNDATION (SUSF) AWARD THE FIRST FRANK TAYLOR JR. MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Southern University at Shreveport (SUSLA) and The Southern University at Shreveport Foundation (SUSF) are pleased to announce the 2022 presentation of the first Frank Taylor Jr. Memorial Scholarship to SUSLA student, Nakia Ford. Taylor's mother, Cheryl Taylor, made the presentation on January 20th, along with Interim Chancellor Dr. Vladimir Appeaning, SUSF Director Frank Williams, and Dr. Barry Hester, Interim Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs and Workforce Development.

Frank Taylor Jr. was an engineering student at SUSLA, as well as the President of the Student Government Association and a Student Representative on the Southern University System Board. During his extensive career in engineering, he was an Electrical Engineer/Shipbuilder with the Department of Defense. Taylor was also a Minister, Community Leader and Mentor to others seeking careers in the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) field.

After his passing in 2020, Taylor's family established the scholarship in his honor. To highlight the legacy of Taylor's achievements in engineering, the scholarship is designated for a deserving student matriculating in Business, Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (BSTEM) studies. The first recipient of the scholarship, Nakia Ford, is a Sophomore Pre-Engineering major. She will graduate in May and plans to become an Electrical Engineer. Moments before the presentation, her scholarship amount tripled with two more pledges.

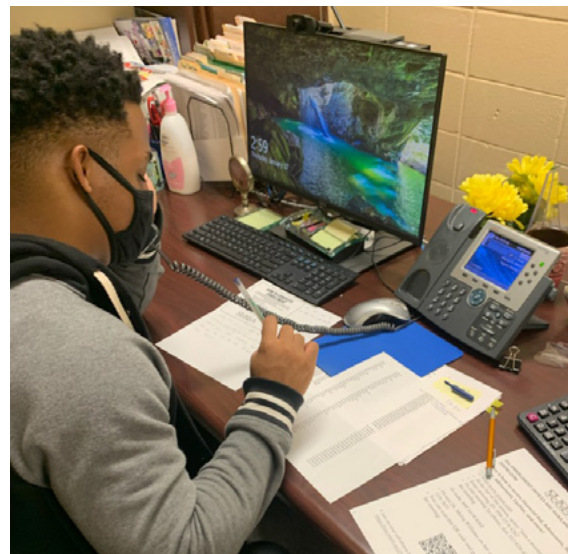
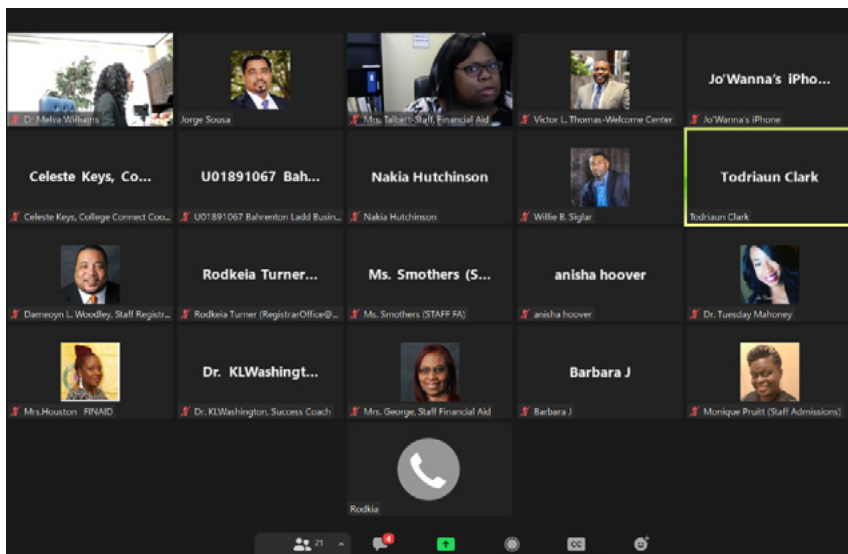
Additionally, Taylor's sister, Jessica Taylor-Phelps, has also pledged \$500 a year to the SUSF, for the next 20 years. Taylor-Phelps donated the first installment on Taylor's birthday, January 20, 2021. The 2022 installment was made on his birthday, as well.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR JAGUAR OF THE MONTH: **BRENDA HENDERSON, MAEd**

Brenda Henderson brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the position of Grant Resource Specialist. Brenda holds a Masters of Arts degree in Adult Education and Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management. Brenda's focus is on empowering organizations to seek funding opportunities aimed at helping young adults to overcome barriers, particularly in areas of workforce certificate attainment.

Brenda is from Plain Dealing, Louisiana. Her greatest treasures are her family, being a Southern University alumna and sharing her love of baking with her granddaughter.





DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS HOSTS VIRTUAL REGISTRATION FOR SPRING 2022

Division of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management hosts their Spring 2022 Virtual Registration. The event began on January 10th, and each department was present along with each division from Academic Affairs. Students were sent to various breakout rooms for employees to assist them with admissions, selecting courses, financial aid, COVID-19 protocols, and more. Welcome back, Jags!



COUNCIL OF STUDENT BODY PRESIDENTS (COSBP) HOSTS ANNUAL STUDENT MEETING IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

This event was attended by SUSLA Student Government Association President, JaQuan Davie. JaQuan was able to meet with other SGA Presidents, state Legislators and attended D.C.'s Mardi Gras Ball with Southern University Board Members, Attorney Edwin Shorty and Dr. Rani Whitfield.

THE WELCOME CENTER AMBASSADORS ARE HARD AT WORK FOR SPRING 2022

Every day is a great day to be a Jaguar! On the second day of the Spring 2022 semester, The Welcome Center's Ambassadors (work-study students) were hard at work assisting students to complete enrollment. Thank you so much team for your cooperation and dedication. Have a great semester, Jaguars!



HISTORY MAKERS: SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY AT SHREVEPORT AND KOKA RADIO HONOR LIVING RADIO LEGEND



Heritage Gospel Station KOKA Radio, in partnership with Southern University at Shreveport (SUSLA), honored Shreveport radio living legend, Sonrose Rutledge.

The celebration began with honoring Mr. Rutledge with a street dedication ceremony followed by a reception at SUSLA's Milam Street Kitchen Incubator and Community Kitchen (MS KICK).

Interim Chancellor Appeaning, stated to the attendees at the reception: "...Honor those who are among us while they are living among us. And this community is doing exactly that today. ...It is a testament to the character of a place when you honor someone who has given so much."

Mr. Rutledge's career as a disc jockey began in Shreveport in the 1960s after relocating from Alabama. Known over the airwaves as "Gay Poppa" in the 1970s and later as "Poppa", Mr. Rutledge was the leading radio voice for Shreveport's African-American community for over three decades. His voice was instrumental to the area for not only bringing African-American music artists ranging from The Jacksons to Aretha Franklin, but for initiating and mobilizing community engagement bringing awareness to Sickle Cell, area homelessness, and raising money for African-American college students.

ARAMARK AND SUSLA REVITALIZE CAMPUS RELATIONSHIP



The SUSLA student body had concerns with the cafeteria and made Interim Chancellor Dr. Vladimir Appeaning aware of their needs. Students were unsatisfied with food choices, meal prep and portion sizes. Actions were immediately set in place to resolve their concerns. Interim Chancellor Appeaning established a campus dining committee that met with Aramark corporate office and local personnel. Without delay, a positive plan of action was promptly set in motion and Mr. Donnie Banks, Food Service Director at SUSLA, started to implement notable changes. Students have already shared with Administrators their satisfaction with the changes they have observed with their dining experience at SUSLA.

The updates and/or changes include:

- [Upgraded menu items for Spring 2022](#)
- [Proposed menu changes going forward](#)
- [Increased number of meals received by students](#)
- [Meal specials for Faculty and Staff as well as meal cards](#)
- [Special meal events held more often during the Semester \(Bar-B-Que, Fish Plates, Taco Tuesdays, etc\)](#)
- [Menus made more visible to staff and students.](#)

The SUSLA dining committee is made up of students, faculty, staff and administrators, and will continue to monitor the dining experience at Southern University at Shreveport. This will be done to assure this partnership continues grow.



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