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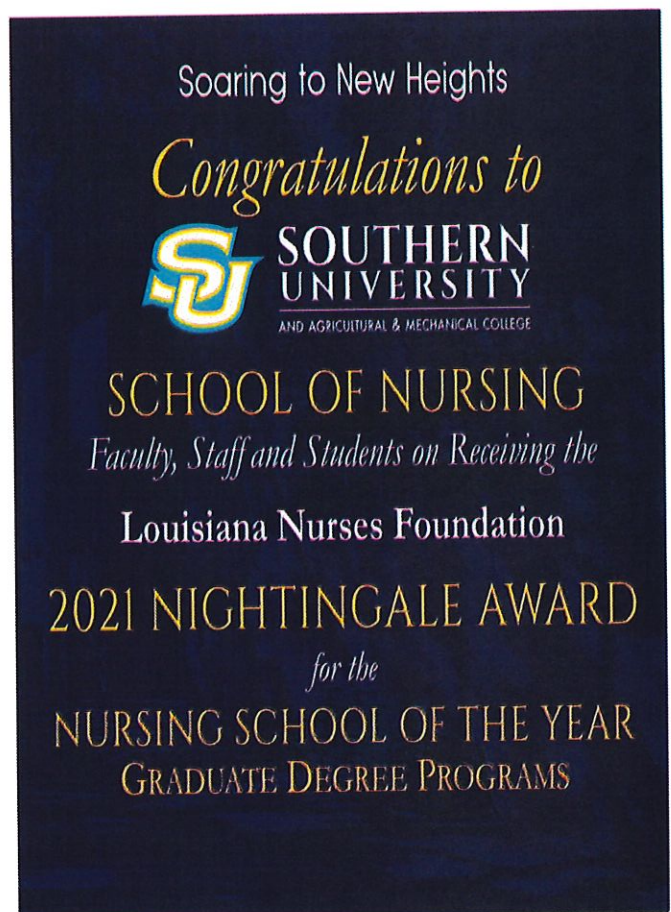
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**Southern University Receives
Nursing School of the Year Honors**

The Southern University School of Nursing has been recognized by the Louisiana Nurse Foundation as the 2021 Nightingale Award recipient for the Nursing School of The Year, Graduate Degree Programs. This is the fifth time that the School of Nursing has been chosen as Nursing School/Program of the Year. Southern was also selected as Nursing School/Program of the Year in 2010, 2012, 2015 and 2017.

Dean Sandra Brown received the **D. Jensen Holliday Memorial Award** from the Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center (MBPCC) in recognition for her sustained and measurable difference in the fight against cancer and for her outstanding leadership and visionary skills in working for the greater good and betterment of the community. The award was presented to Dr. Brown on Oct. 20 in conjunction with the annual SUBR Homecoming Health Fair.

**Nightingale Award Recipient For Fifth
Time in School's History**



On Campus...

University Libraries

- **Dr. Dawn Kight**, SUBR Dean of Libraries was the recipient of the 2021 Leader in Librarianship Award at the LOUIS Users Group Conference. LOUIS is a consortium of public and private college and university libraries in the State of Louisiana managed by the LOUIS Office of the Board of Regents.

International Education

Dr. Ray L. Belton, President and Chancellor of Southern University and A&M College hosted a Recognition Luncheon for International Students on Nov. 17 at the Donald C. Wade House. Enrollment of International Students has increased substantially at SUBR over the past two semesters. The event was co-hosted by Dr. Bijoy K. Sahoo, Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost for Academic Affairs, Dr. Barbara W. Carpenter, Dean of International Affairs and University Outreach and Dr. Ashagre Yigletu, Dean of the Graduate School.

Nelson Mandela College of Government and Social Sciences

- **Dr. Damien Ejigiri**, Dean of the SUBR Nelson Mandela College of Government and Social Sciences was pleased with the Inauguration of the **Dr. Jewel Prestage Polling and Research Center**. The unique facility will serve as a primary location for polling on local and national issues that will be conducted and reported. The Center will also hold various community related research forums on topics such as crime, inequities and race issues.

College of Business

Securing Internships & Full-Time Positions

- Southern University alumna Shamyra Walker has worked diligently to help secure internship and employment opportunities for current students with ExxonMobil. As a result of her assistance, five Finance student have been recommended for Summer 2022 internships with the company. The students include: **Triniti Cooper, Jaylin Mason, Neiyo Sumo, Britney Sanders and Robria Smith.**
- Seven College of Business students have been recommended for Summer 2022 internships and full-time positions with Walmart. These students include: **Triniti Cooper, Jaylin Mason, Neiyo Sumo, Sierra Session, Selina Harrell, Britney Sanders and Robria Smith.**

The Dolores Margaret Richard Spikes Honors College

- Congratulations to participants from the The Dolores Spikes Honors College who swept major awards and offices at the Annual Meeting of the National Association of African American Honors Programs Oct. 20-24. Thirty Southern University Honors College students participated in all categories of the national meeting as 37 Honors Programs and Colleges from across the United States networked and showcased talents within their Honors Programs.

On Campus...

- **Southern University's National Quiz Bowl** team won second place in a competition against Morehouse College. The student team consisted of **Noland Johnson (English)**, **William Waddell (Psychology)**, **Karriem Upshaw (Physics)**, **Akajiugo Amucheazi (Biology)**, **Amanda Turner (Computer Science)**, and **Carrington Curry (Electrical Engineering)**.
- Our very own **Laura Gutierrez** placed third in the essay competition against 30 formidable candidates. **Frankie Dorsey**, pianist, and **Lenecia Turner**, vocalist, placed first and second, respectively in "Honors Got Talent" category. **Mrs. Deadra James Mackie**, Campus Quiz Bowl coach and assistant professor, was elected as Vice President of the National Association of African American Honors Programs. Mackie is delighted as she will continue to enhance and develop young leaders through her role on the national board.
- **Dr. Karen Crosby**, Dean of the Honors College and campus coordinator of the SU Quiz Bowl Team was proud of the overall performance of the students saying the outcome was yet another example of the Honors College motto "Honors is the rule, not the exception."

College of Nursing and Allied Health

Faculty Accomplishments:

- **Dr. Rubi Miller and Dr. Staci Taylor** were keynote speakers at the Nursing and Women's Health virtual conference on Nov. 1. The title of the presentation was "Stressors Perceived by Recovering Coronary Artery Bypass Graft Surgical Patients in the Intensive Care Unit."
- **Dr. Wanda Spurlock** presented on the topic: Communication and Dementia in conjunction with the Louisiana Geriatric Workforce Enhancement Program, The Alzheimer's Services of the Capitol Area and Ochsner's Health System – Via Zoom, Oct. 6. Dr. Spurlock was also invited to speak with U.S. Senator, Bob Casey, Chairman, U.S. Senate Special Committee on Aging, to share her expertise on Inclusive and Equitable Disaster, Management and Response for Older Adults and Persons with Disabilities on Oct. 26. She was invited to speak on the same topic before Congress again on Nov. 2.
- **Dr. Staci Taylor** was a Keynote Speaker at the Webinar of Nursing Virtual 2021 conference on Nov. 1-2. The title of her presentation is "*Stressors Perceived by Recovering Coronary Artery Bypass Graft Patients in the Intensive Care Unit.*"

Student Accomplishments:

- Nine Southern University nursing students who earned Blue Cross Blue Shield of Louisiana Foundation scholarships were honored at an event hosted Oct. 14 by SU alumni Home Chapter President **Michelle Jones** at the Donald C. Wade House on campus. Receiving Scholarships were: **Yasmine Bailey, Brittany Clayton, Mallerie Dillion, Destini Easterling, Tingting Huo, Mykayla Jackson, D'Addrick Nixon, Da'Jia Phillips and Deja Steper**. The recipients received an award of \$500 and a gift card to Uniform By Bayou.

On Campus...

College of Humanities and Interdisciplinary Studies

Music & Visual Arts Programs

- **Dr. Randell Henry**, associate professor of visual arts will feature his Art to Inspire and Heal Art Exhibition in the Stella Jones Gallery in New Orleans through Nov. 29.
- **Dr. John Alleyne**, assistant professor of visual arts was appointed an Artist-in-Residence at the Anderson Ranch Arts Center in Snowmass Village, Colorado.
- **Marietta Simpson**, an internationally acclaimed mezzo-soprano led a Masterclass for Music students on Oct. 27.

Department of Language and Literature

- Volume One, Issue Two of the **Sangam Literary Magazine** was published in September by the English and Philosophy Program. Sangam features, represents and welcomes works by established and emerging writers and is published in the fall and spring terms each academic year. The weblink to the magazine is: <https://www.subr.edu/page/about-sangam>.

The School of Education

- The School of Education was awarded funds for the Federal Work Study Experimental Project written by **Dr. Verjanis Peoples**. The project provides funds for service in teacher education in the areas of student teaching, year-long residency and field experiences.
- The Eta Mu Chapter of Kappa Delta Pi, International (an honor society in education) won two awards based on the chapter's accomplishments during the 2020-2021 academic year. The awards received were: the 2020-2021 Community Service Chapter Program Award and the Celebration of Teaching Award for our "Popping in the Pandemic" Project. The chapter will be recognized for its achievement at the Kappa Delta Pi International's first Virtual Convo, scheduled for Nov. 5 at 2 p.m. **Dr. Alisa M. Ross**, Assistant Professor of Education, serves as the Chapter Advisor.
- In October, **Dr. Erin Scott-Stewart**, an assistant professor in the School of Education, participated in two multi-state standard setting studies for the Praxis® Core Academic Skills for Educators Reading and Writing exams. Dr. Stewart was recommended by personnel in the Louisiana Department of Education and selected by the Educational Testing Service to engage with other educators across the United States in reviewing the tests and recommending cut scores.

On Campus...

University College Initiatives

- The University College (UC) hosted **the Midterm Grab N' Go Breakfast** and provided free scantrons for students engaged in in-person testing. This initiative was supported by approximately 400 first- and second-year students. The breakfast is an annual event hosted in the Smith-Brown Memorial Student Union. To ensure students are well versed, prepared, and motivated to deal with the many challenges that they will face throughout the first and second year, there were a total of three powerful motivational speakers who attended the College Success Skills course to discuss mental health, being authentically you, the importance of time management and emotional intelligence.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE PRESENTS:

KEYS TO SUCCESS WORKSHOP SERIES

SOCIAL SUPPORT, MOTIVATION, & GOAL SETTING	9/22 @ 5 PM ROYAL COTILLION BALLROOM
TEST TAKING SKILLS, TEST ANXIETY, & PREPARING FOR MIDTERMS	9/29 @ 5 PM ROYAL COTILLION BALLROOM
EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION WITH PROFESSORS	10/28 @ 5 PM ROYAL COTILLION BALLROOM
JUGGLING SCHOOL, WORK & LIFE	11/01 @ 5 PM EVENT CENTER
BLUEZ ON THE BLUFF	11/18 @ 5 PM EVENT CENTER

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On Campus...

- The University College Academic Advisors have assisted approximately 500 first year students with Spring 2022 advising from Nov. 1-9. This assistance was in many forms including: FAFSA Invasion, Registration Invasion, Robo Calls, personal phone calls and customized emails to ensure students receive the courses aligned with their respective disciplines. Tutoring is located in three locations on the campus of Southern University and A&M College:
 - W.W.Stewart Hall 342 & 105
 - PBS Pinchback Learning Center (1st Floor)
 - T.T. Allain Room 317