



Southern University and A&M College  
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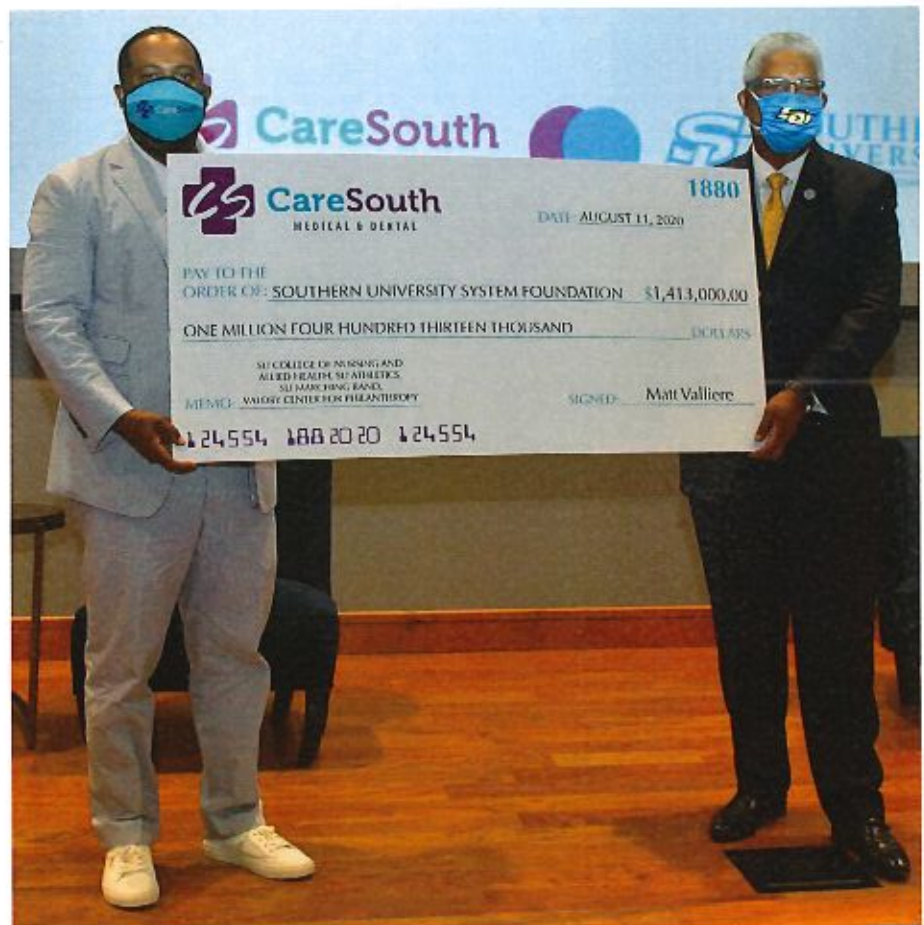
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## SU Kicks Off Fall Semester with Hybrid, Traditional and Online Courses



Masks are required on campus for students, faculty and staff.



While some classes are online, 26% of the classes offered this semester are traditional with classrooms arranged to ensure the safety of students.

Southern University and A&M College launched the fall semester with students taking online, hybrid, and traditional classes. As the academic units worked with the Division of Information Technology to upgrade classrooms, some of hybrid classes were held remotely.

The modes of instructions were established to provide a safe environment for students in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.

This semester, the university offered 1,700 classes — 26% online, 47% in the hybrid mode and 27% of the classes offered in person.

According to the Division of Enrollment Management and Student Success, as of August 3, 2020, 7,050 students were enrolled compared to 7,424 at this time last year.

Training sessions were available for students and faculty through the Division of Information Technology on the use of the software and the processes needed for effective online and hybrid learning.

This semester, the university also opened up a testing site for COVID-19 on campus for employees and students. Space was renovated in the College of Nursing and Allied Health for a clinic for employees operated by CareSouth Medical and Dental Health Center. The Center provided COVID-19 testing and flu vaccinations for employees. Students received COVID-19 testing at the University Health Center.

Precautions have been taken across campus to ensure social distancing and proper sanitization of classrooms, residential housing and other buildings.



## CareSouth Awards \$1.4 Million to University to Fund Wellness Center

CareSouth Medical and Dental in Baton Rouge announced a donation of \$1.4 million to Southern University. The money will be used to help fund the CareSouth/ Southern University Employee Wellness Clinic; College of Nursing and Allied Health Scholarship Fund; Department of Athletics; "Human Jukebox " Marching Band; and the Valdry Center for Philanthropy. The donation will be disbursed to the entities over five years.

"We are extremely grateful for this gift from our community partner CareSouth," said Ray L. Belton, President-Chancellor of the Southern University System. "This funding will impact not only our students in these programs, but also our faculty and staff who have a major role in student success. We look forward to continuing to bring to fruition projects and scholarships made possible by CareSouth."

At the press conference held at the Valdry Center, Belton also said that



this gift "sends a message that our partnerships work to advance the roles and mission of the university."

CareSouth and Southern began a partnership through the university's Department of Athletics three years ago and "expanded to help bridge the gap between health, wellness and education," said Matthew Valliere, chief executive officer of CareSouth.

"We share a similar mission in helping vulnerable populations and we're excited to give this donation to assist this great institution and pillar in our community in continuing the exceptional work that they do in preparing our future workforce," Valliere said.



Mr. Jared White was officially introduced as the Drum Major for the 2020-2021 Southern University Marching Band. White is a senior, business management major from Baker, Louisiana with a concentration in risk management.



## CAMPUS NOTES....

### Sciences and Engineering Receives \$1 Million from Chevron Corporation

Southern University College of Sciences and Engineering received a \$1 million award from Chevron Corporation recently and will receive payments of \$200,000 annually over a five-year period.

"On behalf of Southern University and the College of Sciences and Engineering, I would like to thank you for allocating \$1 million over five years," said Patrick Carriere, dean of the College of Sciences and Engineering. "This is great news. The College welcomes this partnership with Chevron Corporation."

According to Carriere, the award will provide Sciences and Engineering with the opportunity to attract high caliber students to the STEM programs.

Carriere is also exploring other options for the funding including scholarships and enhancing the college's laboratories.

"A lot of our students will benefit from that financial support," said Carriere. "In addition, much help is needed to upgrade our labs."



### Terry-Bacon Scholarship Recipients

Several students in the College of Business were awarded the Terry-Bacon Scholarship. The recipients are: Whitley Franklin, accounting major; Christopher Howard, marketing major; Armani Pink, finance major; Britney Sanders, finance major; and Kevin Taylor-Jarrell, finance major.

Each scholarship recipient received \$3,000 for the 2020-2021 academic year.

### Creating Sustainable Neighborhood Developers Program

The College of Business is working together with EDA University Center for Economic and Entrepreneurial Development as well as ComNet, LLC to offer a six-week "Virtual Mentorship Program" in the area of economic development. This program is design to accelerate the center's recent Sustainable

Developer Certification. Students in the mentorship program will focus on renovation or new construction, designated properties distributed by the local municipality or the local Regional Development Authority, via a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement. Once the emerging developer completes all of the courses, they will be knowledgeable in the following areas: acquisition of properties, provisional capacity, identifying secured funding, estimating and basic project management. The courses are offered on Saturdays 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. with dynamic and experienced speakers.

### PricewaterhouseCoopers 2020 Digital Enablement Award

Dr. Lauri Patterson, professor in the College of Business, has been awarded a grant of \$10,000 by PricewaterhouseCoopers, LLC (PwC) through the 2020 Digital Enablement Award program. The funds from PwC will be used to increase access for digital skill development for faculty and students in the Department of Accounting, Finance and Economics through the purchase of technology equipment or licenses; training on Digital Skill Development using PwC's Digital Fitness App for selected courses applicable for Digital Enablement; and faculty release time for curriculum development to incorporate technology topics.



# 2021 Football Schedule Announced with Six Games



The Southwestern Athletic Conference announced the schedules for all 10 SWAC schools for the upcoming 2021 spring football season.

The schedule includes one non-conference open date for each team and conference contests scheduled each week.

Additionally, the league has designated a bye week for each team during the week of March 13 to ensure that fans and supporters have the opportunity to attend the Cricket Wireless Men's and Women's Basketball Tournaments (March 9-13).

Each SWAC team will play six conference football games to include four games against division opponents and two games against non-division opponents. Each member institution will also have the

option to play one non-conference game. The season will officially kickoff the weekend of February 27 with five league games set to be played.

The football season will culminate with the Cricket Wireless SWAC Championship Game.

The game is scheduled to be played on Saturday, May 1.

"The 2019 edition of the Cricket Wireless SWAC Football Championship was an instant thriller broadcast live on ESPNU," said Tommy Henry, senior marketing manager at Cricket Wireless. "We're excited to be back in the game for the upcoming season. We are proud to team up with SWAC once again so that we can continue to grow our relationship with SWAC members, while introducing our brand to students, alumni and fans."

### SU 2021 Football Schedule

**February 26**  
Southern at Alabama State

**March 6**  
Arkansas-Pine Bluff at Southern

**March 20**  
Southern at Texas Southern

**March 27**  
Alcorn State at Southern

**April 10**  
Southern at Prairie View A&M

**April 17**  
Grambling State vs. Southern (Bayou Classic)

