

CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

November 2020



“PRODUCING LAWYER LEADERS”

NEWS



SULC VIRTUAL VOTING PARTY

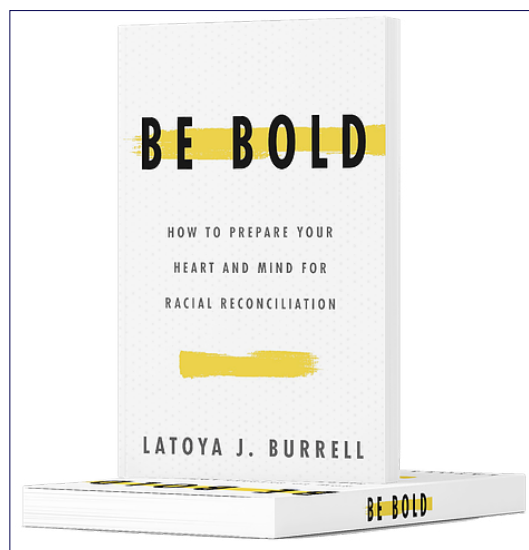
Over 1000 viewers attended the SULC Virtual Voting Party on October 17. The party with a purpose encouraged voters to show up to the polls on election day and informed decisions. Guest speakers included entrepreneur Dartanyon Williams and SULC alumni and community leaders Representative Ted James, Aisha McClendon, Councilwoman Erika Green, Atty. Chris Dassau. Baton Rouge native Tony King acted as the DJ for the event. SBA Evening

Division president Mitchell Conner served as the moderator.

“BE BOLD” BOOK LAUNCH & PANEL

In a time of social unrest, society continues to look for answers and ways to restore harmony. The Southern University Law Center wants to create a space for discussion of timely topics such as this. Therefore, on November 2, the Law Center hosted a virtual book launch and panel discussion of “Be Bold: How To Prepare Your Heart And Mind For Racial Reconciliation” by alumna LaToya Burrell.

“A part of racial reconciliation requires us to be willing to examine ourselves and our hearts, listen to the stories of others, learn history, and be bold advocates for justice for all,” said Burrell, dean of graduate education and accreditation at North Central University. “Our country is more divided now than ever. With the death of George Floyd and other social unrest, the disparities related to divide, and other issues facing our country now more than ever we need to find common ground, reconcile our differences and come together in unity.”



CONT. “BE BOLD” BOOK LAUNCH & PANEL

The book is an answer to the “What can I do?” question, providing practical advice on how to talk about race and boldly move towards being the change you want to see.

During the discussion, the panel expounded on the book and examined next steps on ways to work towards peace and reconciliation. Panelists included LaToya Burrell, author and dean of graduate education and accreditation at North Central University; Shailly Agnihotri, founder and executive director of The Restorative Center; Rob Vischer, dean of the University of St. Thomas School of Law in Minneapolis; and Cassandra Newby-Alexander, professor of history at Norfolk State University.



MAYORAL CANDIDATES FORUM



The Southern University Law Center’s Student Bar Association (SBA) hosted the 2020 East Baton Rouge Parish Mayoral Candidate Forum on October 22. Participants included Mayor-President Sharon Weston Broome, Atty. E. Eric Guirard, Representative C. Denise Marcelle, Councilman Matt Watson, and Jordan Piazza.

SBA president Bakari Garvey served as moderator. Candidates were asked questions covering key issues such as crisis management, North Baton Rouge development, police brutality, and community policing.

LOUISIANA SENATE CANDIDATE FORUM



On October 30, the SULC Student Bar Association and the SUBR Student Government Association hosted the 2020 Louisiana Senate Candidate Forum. Participants included Xan John, M.V. Mendoza, Beryl Billiot, Antoine Pierce, Peter Wenstrup, Jamar Myers-Montgomery, and Adrian Perkins. Students Dominique

McCraney and Kasey Williams. Healthcare, education, and social justice were topics covered during the forum.

SULC FOSTERS NEW RELATIONSHIP THROUGH VARIOUS PARTNERSHIPS

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Southern University Law Center continues to foster partnerships with innovative organizations in order to continue building a progressive learning environment and surrounding community. Recently, the Law Center has entered into agreements with: University of New Orleans Urban Entrepreneurship and Policy Institute, Southern University at New Orleans' Small Business and Development Management Institute, Synchronicity Unlimited, LLC., SINOMO JV, and the National Wildlife Federation.

COLLABORATIONS WITHIN THE ENTREPRENEURSHIP SECTOR

The Technology and Entrepreneurship Clinic (Tech Clinic) has established a collaborative working relationship with the University of New Orleans Urban Entrepreneurship and Policy Institute (UEPI, UNO) whereas the Tech Clinic will host five outreach events and conduct surveys and research related to entrepreneurship. UEPI, UNO is providing \$10,000 in financial support to conduct outreach events, surveys, and research.

As a United States Patent and Trademark Office certified legal clinic, the Tech Clinic helps students become skilled practitioners while facilitating innovation and economic development in the Greater Baton Rouge region by providing pro bono legal services to local entrepreneurs, nonprofits and inventors; a small business counseling program; and community outreach programs offering free business classes workshops.

In an effort to expand its reach, the Tech Clinic has established a collaboration with the Southern University New Orleans' Small Business Development. Both entities plan to share common visions and ideas and realize the importance of utilization and support of small businesses to fulfill requirements for growth, development, and economic stability. Furthermore, they look forward to supporting small businesses by providing information and creating awareness through education, training, and consulting.

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES WITHIN THE TRIBAL AND COASTAL LAW COMMUNITY

SINOMO JV is a joint venture affiliated with the Ogala Sioux Tribe in South Dakota at the Pine Ridge Reservation. The venture provides significant economic opportunities for both tribal and nontribal members.

By entering into a partnership with the Southern University College of Business

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and SINOMO JV, the three entities will provide experiential learning opportunities for students interested in becoming professionals in fields such as remediation, environmental consulting, emergency response team support, wholesale petroleum products, distribution, project management, and compliance. The partnership will also deliver mentor-protégé projects, technical training and education opportunities to members of the Ogala Sioux Nation and identifying grant and contracting opportunities.

In Louisiana, there's a method of oyster farming, called the Alternative Oyster Culture (AOC) which refers to using on-bottom or off-bottom means of cultivating or growing oysters other than directly on reefs or other water bottoms. This particular method is not classified under Louisiana's aquaculture regulations.

In collaboration with the National Wildlife Federation, the Law Center will provide a seminar on Louisiana's statutory, regulatory and permitting structures relative to coastal zone uses and AOC. In addition, SULC students with an interest in coastal law, environmental and/or administrative careers can participate in experiential learning opportunities.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND SHORT COURSES FOCUSED ON MUSIC MODERNIZATION

The Southern University Law Center is collaborating with a New Jersey based entertainment company, Synchronicity Unlimited, LLC for professional development and short courses under the Mixed Reality Virtual Innovation Gaming and E-Sports Institute. The partnership will focus on preparing law students for a rigorous professional career in entertainment law with a specialization in the area of music entertainment and music publishing.

Topics to be covered within the courses include, but not limited to, areas of copyright law related to music, royalty analysis, music assessment valuations, the Music Modernization Act, music streaming and the rights associated with streaming, and other business/legal issues related to the music entertainment, music publishing, and music technology business.

STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

WYNNIFRIED SANDERS



Sanders, third year law student, was awarded this year's Law Student Pro Bono Award.

KEIAIREYONA BROWN

Brown, first year law student, was selected to participate in the Diverse Attorney Pipeline Program (DAPP). DAPP Scholars will receive hands-on support and assistance with the goal of demystifying the 1L year and building a strong academic and professional foundation.



LAKEISHA SANDERS



Sanders was awarded the "My Life As A Lawyer" scholarship by the Corporate Counsel of Women of Color.

FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS



CYNTHIA REED

Reed, associate vice chancellor of academic support, bar preparation and counseling, received the 2020 Pro Bono Publico Award during this year's Pro Bono Week activities.

ALUMNI HIGHLIGHTS

LAUREN FITCH



Fitch became the new director of operations for Hannis T. Bourgeois, LLP Certified Public Accountants.

ARNEDIA WALLACE



Wallace recently transitioned to becoming a staff attorney for Special Olympics International.

TIARA BARNES



Barnes was recently sworn in as an assistant district attorney for the East Baton Rouge Parish.

ALUMNI HIGHLIGHTS

CHRISTOPHER KING



Recent graduate Christopher King was recently sworn in as an Assistant District Attorney for the East Baton Rouge Parish. He will work under District Attorney Hillar C. Moore.

JOSHUA HOLLINS



Hollins was named an honoree with the Greater Baton Rouge Business Report's 2020 '40 under 40' class. Hollins is vice president of public finance for Stifel, Nicolaus and Company Inc.,

ONGOING AND UPCOMING EVENTS

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY
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“LEFT OUT: A BRIEF SURVEY OF AMERICAN HISTORY”

A conversation addressing common stereotypes about tribal communities in the Western Hemisphere.

WEDNESDAY, Nov. 11
NOON - 2 P.M.

PRESENTER:
Michael D. Oeser, JD LL.M.
Associate Professor
Southern University Law Center

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SPEAKER:
ATTORNEY HARRY DANIELS

BECOMING FIERCE IN THE PRACTICE OF LAW: CRIMINAL LAW

NOVEMBER 13th
12 PM - 1 PM

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