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PICTURED (L TO R): CONGRESSMAN TROY CARTER, SR., LOUISIANA 2ND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE CONGRATULATES MISS ZAILA AVANT-GARDE ON HER TREMENDOUS ACCOMPLISHMENT, MISS ZAILA AVANT-GARDE (TOP), DR. APPEANING RECOGNIZES MISS AVANT-GARDE WITH A PLAQUE ON BEHALF OF SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY AT SHREVEPORT (BOTTOM)

Southern University Shreveport (SUSLA) had a real treat with a visit from the reigning 2021 Scripps National Spelling Bee Champion, Zaila Avant-Garde, who is the first African American to win the title.

Miss Avant-Garde, a Louisiana native, spoke at the Southern University Museum of Art at Shreveport (SUMAS) for Black History Month. Miss Avant-Garde is a star athlete and the reigning Sports Illustrated (SI) SportsKid of The Year. Additionally, she is a three-time Guinness World Record Holder.

The SUSLA Student Government Association (SGA) hosted the program and joined Interim Chancellor Dr. Vladimir A. Appeaning, presented Miss Zaila Avant-Garde with a plaque in recognition of her successes and for her visit during the Louisiana Black History Month Statewide Celebration.

PICTURED ON THE COVER: 54TH SGA PRESIDENT, JAQUAN DAVIE, MISS FRESHMAN, SHY'NIECE FRANKLIN, 54TH MISS SUSLA, JENNIFER PICKENS, SCRIPPS SPELLING BEE CHAMPION, MISS ZAILA AVANT-GARDE, INTERIM CHANCELLOR, DR. VLADIMIR A. APPEANING, AND MISS SOPHOMORE, ANISSA HORTON

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION & THE LYCEUM COMMITTEE HOST THEIR ANNUAL BLACK HISTORY MONTH CONVOCATION



PICTURED (TOP AND BOTTOM LEFT): SUSLA'S SGA & ROYAL COURT WITH INTERIM CHANCELLOR, DR. VLADIMIR APPEANING AND THE HONORABLE BRANDON B. BROWN. (MIDDLE): FIRST-YEAR FRESHMAN ZAKYLA BENNETT INTRODUCES HERSELF TO INTERIM CHANCELLOR DR. APPEANING. (BOTTOM RIGHT): STUDENTS REPRESENTING SUSLA'S WILLIAMS CENTER FOR UNDERGRADUATE ACHIEVEMENT

The SUSLA Student Government Association (SGA) and The Lyceum Committee presented Southern University at Shreveport's (SUSLA) Annual Spring Convocation for Black History Month. The convocation speaker was Southern University Law Center (SULC) Alumnus, the Honorable Brandon B. Brown, United States Attorney for the Western District of Louisiana.

Attorney Brown touched on numerous topics relating to both SUSLA's internal and external communities. He spoke on issues ranging from the state of the criminal system and its effect on the black community, to making the most of higher education.

He also presented a call to action to students to make sure that they introduce themselves to their university's leaders. Freshman Zakyla Bennett, immediately took up the challenge following the program by introducing herself to Interim Chancellor Dr. Vladimir A. Appeaning.



SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY AT SHREVEPORT WINS TWO 2022 AMERICAN ADVERTISING AWARDS



PICTURED (L TO R, LEFT SIDE): STUDENT SUCCESS COACH, MR. WILLIE SIGLAR II AND GRAPHIC SERVICES COORDINATOR, MS. DELLANEE WADE

The Department of Graphic Services and The Center for Student Success at Southern University at Shreveport (SUSLA) received advertising awards for their graphics design and copywriter work.

Dellanee Wade and Willie Siglar, II, both of SUSLA, won two American Advertising Awards. The two departments which Wade and Siglar represent, respectively, entered designs for their work for connecting with first-year students through The Center for Student Success.

The “SUSLA 2021-2022 FYE Handbook” publication design, developed for the university’s first-year students, won both a Bronze Award and a People’s Choice Award. The book design integrated on-campus and community resources, along with strategies on helping students thrive during their freshman year of college. These awards are a first for the university.

“We were really excited for this year’s competition and for putting SUSLA on the map with our creative marketing skills,” says Wade, Graphic Services & Multimedia Coordinator. “This is only my second year here at the University, but I knew with all of the hard work we put in that we were ready to see our institution on a new level among other higher-ed competitors.”

The American Advertising Awards are presented by the American Advertising Federation of Shreveport-Bossier (AAFSB), the local chapter of the national American Advertising Federation (AAF) organization. The AAFSB chapter has been serving the local market for over 80 years. Wade is also currently serving her fourth year on the AAFSB executive board and as this year’s Diversity Chair.



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STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES ASSISTS ALLIED HEALTH STUDENTS WITH RESOURCES TO ENHANCE THEIR ACADEMIC CAREER

In conjunction with Black History Month's Theme: Black Health & Wellness, SUSLA's TRiO Student Support Services event introduces support services to Allied Health students at the Metro Center.

Dr. Angela Nichols-Young and Dr. Chyrl Jackson brought important information about the services available to students to their classroom front door. Dr. Nichols says the goal of the event is to connect students, especially those in the Allied Health programs, to the various services that are available to help them in the areas of Advisement, Financial Literacy, Educational Seminars (including Educational and Cultural Trips) and Grant Aid. The group is currently planning an upcoming campus tour to Southern University at New Orleans. The goal is to expose approximately 20-25 TRiO students to the four-year institution, during which time they will also visit the African American Art Museum for cultural enrichment.

TRiO Student Support Services is federally funded by the U.S. Department of Education. For more information, contact Dr. Angela Nichols-Young at anichols@susla.edu.

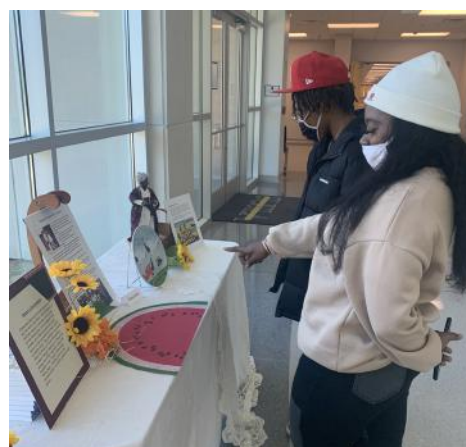
CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR JAGUAR OF THE MONTH: VICTOR L. THOMAS

Victor L. Thomas is an entrepreneur, community organizer, veteran, and native from Shreveport, LA. He currently serves as the Service Engagement Coordinator at Southern University at Shreveport and is a member of the Shreveport Commission on Race & Cultural Diversity.

Mr. Thomas is always friendly and assisting students both in-person and virtually. He is readily available for any task to make Southern University at Shreveport a great institution of higher learning. Victor's contributions to the overall of SUSLA is to ensure we provide an academic and social experience to all students.



DIVISION OF ARTS, HUMANITIES, SOCIAL SCIENCES & EDUCATION (AHSSE) CELEBRATES THE CLEMENTINE HUNTER STORY WITH EXHIBITION & LECTURE



In honor of Black History Month, SUSLA's AHSSE Division held a Clementine Hunter lecture and exhibition. Mr. Edward Ward who is a Natchitoches businessman and friend of the late artist delivered the lecture. The audience was in for a special treat when Ward showed them original paintings he purchased from Hunter herself. He explained how Hunter's paintings which once sold for a few cents now sell for thousands of dollars at auction.

During the program, Mrs. Priscilla Metoyer reflected on Mrs. Hunter's Cane River journey and how it portrays black health and wellness through the arts over the years. Ms. Brenda Wimberly, Adjunct Professor, internationally acclaimed Soprano vocalist, and music master class artist, demonstrated field hollers and rendered a selection "Lord, How Come Me Here?" Also, Dr. Angelique Feaster Evans captivated the audience with her portrayal of Clementine Hunter which was an excellent overview of the artist's life.

Mr. Sherman Houston, Instructor of History, explained how music relates to black health and wellness and closed the program by singing "Steal Away to Jesus." Following the event, the audience viewed an exhibit of artifacts related to Clementine Hunter's life which was set up by Mrs. Priscilla Metoyer and Mr. Sherman Houston.

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY MUSEUM OF ART SHREVEPORT & ALL OF US RESEARCH PROGRAM presents



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VIRTUAL FORUM

Zoom Meeting ID: 875 6191 6155



Dr. Sharron Herron-Williams
Moderator
SUSLA Professor



Pamela Green
Panelist
Licensed Practical Nurse Arrhythmia Management



LaDereka McCray
Panelist



Dr. Joseph Orban
Panelist
SUSLA Professor



Tongela Bell
Testimonial
Head of Marketing



Brenda Wimberly
Panelist
SUSLA Adjunct Professor

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY MUSEUM OF ART SHREVEPORT (SUMAS) & ALL OF US RESEARCH PROGRAM HOST HEART OF THE ART VIRTUAL FORUM IN HONOR OF AMERICAN HEART MONTH

Southern University Museum of Art Shreveport (SUMAS) in partnership with the All of Us Research Program presented The Heart of Art Virtual Forum via Zoom. This Black History Month event focused on this year's national theme: "Black Health and Wellness" in an effort to bring cultural awareness to National Heart Health Month and African American Heritage and Health Week. Dr. Angelique Feaster Evans, SUMAS Museum Coordinator, served as host of the virtual forum featuring a heart health presentation by Ms. Yvette Allen, SUSLA COVID-19 Coordinator and All of Us Resource Coordinator, and a panel discussion moderated by Dr. Sharron Herron-Williams, SUSLA HBCU C2 Program Manager, Professor of Political Science, and Fulbright Scholars Liaison.

Guest panelists included: Pamela Smith Green, Licensed Practical Nurse-Willis-Knighton Health System, Dr. Joseph Orban, SUSLA Distinguished Professor and Fulbright Scholar, and Brenda Wimberly, SUSLA Adjunct Professor and Internationally Acclaimed Vocalist. A special survivor testimonial was presented by Tongela Bell, Area Supervisor and Head of Marketing, Turbo Restaurant Group. Panelists and attendees received additional supporting information and giveaways.

The All of Us Research Program is a historic effort to collect and study data from one million or more people living in the United States. The goal of the program is better health for all of us. The program began national enrollment in 2018 and is expected to last at least 10 years.



TRIO DUAL ENROLLMENT KICKS OFF SPRING 2022 ORIENTATION FOR HIGH SCHOOLERS

SUSLA's TRIO Dual Enrollment kicked off the second week of Black History Month with their inaugural orientation for Spring 2022. During this orientation, students and parents, who are serviced by Upward Bound and Educational Talent Search, were informed about dual enrollment and its benefits, the courses the students will be enrolled in along with details of the class.

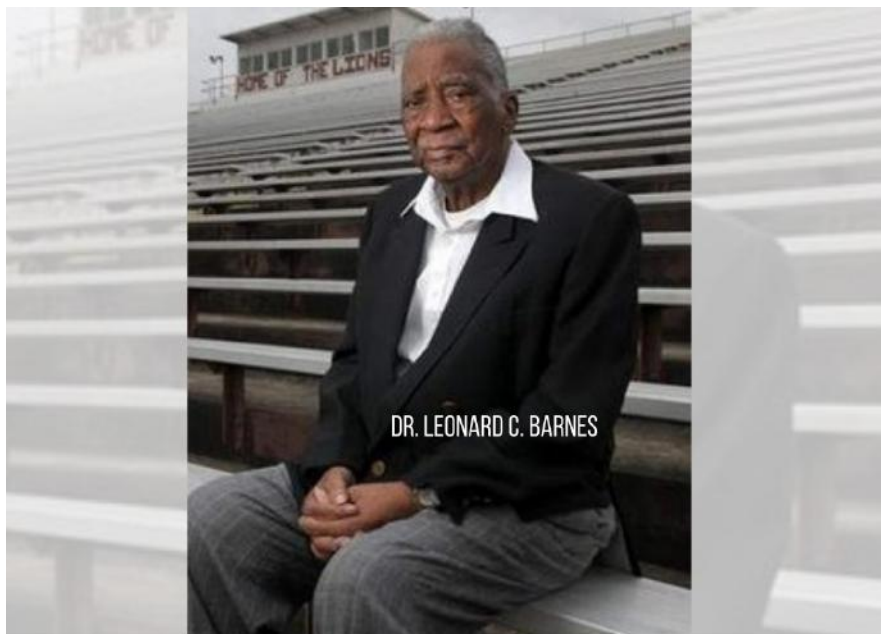


VETERANS UPWARD BOUND CELEBRATES BLACK HEALTH & WELLNESS WITH A HEART WALK

SUSLA's Veterans Upward Bound partnered with Overton Brook VA Hospital to celebrate Healthy Heart Month with a walk on the main campus. All Faculty, Staff, and Students were asked to join in with to the healthy walk around the street that circles the University. The primary purpose of the walk was to bring attention to heart health.



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The Leonard C. Barnes Administration Building is named in honor of the longest serving Chancellor at the Southern University at Shreveport-Bossier campus.

Dr. Leonard C. Barnes, known as “Coach” by his students, is best known for his successes as an Educator and a Coach.

Dr. Barnes graduated in 1940 from Central High School in Bogalusa, LA. After a stint in the military, he graduated from Southern University in Baton Rouge in 1948 where he was an “All-American Football Player” for three non-consecutive years.

In 1967, he became Director of Student Personnel at Southern University at Shreveport-Bossier (formerly known as SUSBO). In 1969, Dr. Barnes was named Vice President of the Shreveport-Bossier campus, a position that was later promoted to Chancellor for SUSBO, a post he held for 17 years.

The Booker T. Washington High School Football Stadium in Shreveport is also named in his honor.



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Professor Willie Burton’s book release, “On the Blackside of Shreveport: A History,” was released on February 9, 2000. Visit the SUSLA Library for his publication.



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