Southern University continues to fulfill its mission of preparing students to compete globally in their chosen profession, and to engage in advanced study following undergraduate matriculation. For more than 130 years, Southern University has laid a foundation upon which its students have been able to build a better life for themselves and their families.

Through scholarship, athletics, and personal and professional development, Southern University equips students with the tools necessary to succeed including a sense of personal confidence, uncompromising ethical standards, steadfast drive, and most importantly, the academic and scholastic preparation to anchor it all. It’s Southern University’s tradition to ensure educational access, excellence, and success for all!

Did you know…?

- Southern University signature programs in nursing, education, engineering, and computer science are aligned with the State of Louisiana’s high demand jobs that pay over $30,000 per year.
- Southern University is one of the nation’s top 10 producers of minority students who go on to graduate school and one of the top 20 producers of science, mathematics and engineering graduates who go on to complete doctoral degrees.
- U.S. News and World Report ranks Southern University at Baton Rouge as a top-tier school among historically black colleges and universities.
- The Southern University at New Orleans campus has achieved its highest enrollment since Hurricane Katrina and is one of the only institutions in the state to offer degree programs in substance abuse counseling and business entrepreneurship. Additionally, Southern University at New Orleans’ School of Social Work and Criminal Justice are premier programs that are highly regarded by agencies throughout the state.
- Southern University at Shreveport was voted the third best two-year university in the country by Washington Monthly Magazine. The campus was also recognized as the sixth fastest growing two-year institution and ranked 44th among two-year institutions graduating African American students.
- The Southern University Law Center is noted as one of the leading law schools in the country for its diverse faculty and environment for minority students by The Princeton Law Review.
- The Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center is the only land-grant institution in the state dedicated to sustaining underserved citizens by teaching strategies for family management, food and nutrition, childcare, agriculture, parenting, youth development, and urban forestry.

The campuses of the Southern University and A&M College System provide a distinct and nurturing learning environment to meet the educational and personal growth goals of diverse constituencies. The Baton Rouge, New Orleans, and Shreveport campuses are deeply rooted in their respective communities and have uniquely designed higher educational programs that continue to produce a highly skilled and knowledgeable workforce for the state of Louisiana and this nation.

Today, Southern University is partnering with the state and our stakeholders to better align our graduates with the workforce needs of the state, with emphasis on high needs areas such as nursing, teacher education, business, computer science, and allied health. We will continue to supply graduates qualified to enter these professions, ultimately, strengthening the labor force and ensuring a brighter Louisiana.

The future of Southern University, its students, and graduates is immensely bright. A greater emphasis has been placed on scholarly research for faculty, staff, and students. A significant increase in intern and co-op partnerships with corporate entities has resulted in a higher employability rate for graduating students. The Southern University and A&M College System will continue to create national models of success for culturally relevant pedagogy and its guiding strategic goals:

I. Ensure academic excellence through increased student and stakeholder access and outcomes achievement
II. Maintain a system-wide culture of assessment, quality enhancement, and accountability
III. Enhance system-wide athletic programming and facilities
IV. Enhance advancement, advertising, and alumni relations
V. Enhance system-wide technology

We stand firmly on our commitment to increase our standards, meet expanded targets, and implement rigorous strategies to move the Southern University and A&M College System forward. We are dedicated to formulating strategies to improve standards across our System. We intend to enhance programs that work and pattern examples of best practices and employ sound solutions to eliminate existing weaknesses and program inefficacy.

We will fight to keep the Southern University and A&M College System whole, as our students deserve a strong and viable System committed to excellence and accountability. We strongly resist any recommendation to close, merge, or fundamentally change the structure of the Southern University System or any of its five campuses.

The Southern University and A&M College System stands by the current, four separate boards of higher education governance for public colleges and universities in Louisiana. We support the multi-system governance structure that provides individual boards to support the tough educational demands across the state focusing on specific needs within each system.

Southern University has been successful in providing quality education to students from all backgrounds. This legacy will continue by improving our performance and renewing our commitment to achieve greatness for our students. The System remains actively engaged in the discussions and direction of the outcomes of the transformation of higher education in Louisiana. Together, we can and will move forward and overcome previous challenges and emerge intact and stronger than before.