Southern students must continue to be successful graduates. That is our top priority!

leadership for Southern. We will proceed with the priorities of the System’s strategic plan. students who have multiple college options. Since July 1, 2009, the Southern University System has aggressively progressed towards be -
of leadership, I am pleased to report that Southern remains a preferred option for countless women of diverse heritage and experiences. We are streamlining our operations to run more efficiently, reviving our bond with alumni, populations. Our pride in Southern University is strong and we are determined to expand our leader -

Since taking office as interim president, I have made enhancing stakeholder relations, reducing financial and academic integrity, presenting and demonstrating a national leader in the debate on minority student achievement my top priorities. Throughout 2009-10, our work and planning have been guided by fulfilling these important commitments. In the coming weeks, we will lay the groundwork as the Board of Supervisors name permanent leadership for Southern. We will proceed with the priorities of the System’s strategic plan that was approved by the Board. We will restructure our academic programs into a comprehensive university system. That is our top priority!
InterimPresident’s

About the SUSystem
Celebrating 130 years of excellence in higher education, the Southern University System is the nation’s only historically black university system, with an enrollment of 13,000 students. The SU System is a leader in graduate and undergraduate level education through quality four-year, graduate, professional, and research programs among its five Louisiana campuses. SU is among the top producers of African-American graduates in combined disciplines of engineering, technology, business, computer science, nursing, and mathematics.

Mission
The Southern University System is a multi-campus, State of Louisiana university system continually building upon a legacy of providing opportunity to students from all walks of life.

Our mission is to further develop and fortify our land grant purpose with emphasis on appropriate access and delivery of quality instruction, problem-solving, high-impact research, extension, and service.

Southern University values excellence in teaching, research, and public service. The University is committed to providing a safe environment conducive to learning while operating in accordance with the highest standards of management and efficiency.

Minority students deserve better than minority-serving institutions constantly saying what they cannot achieve. Students expect us to believe in them and their potential. If we don’t believe in our students who else will? There isn’t a better System to provide leadership and voice for educating African-American students than the Southern University System.

Southern University is passionately committed to improving educational opportunities for all students. Our involvement and progress toward this important initiative include:

- The Southern University System continues to be an active partner in the National Association of Systems Heads (NASH) “Access to Success” initiative, where goal is to cut in half by 2015 the gaps that separate low-income and minority students from their peers, both in terms of access to postsecondary education and incidence of remedial completion.
- InterimPresident Kerrie Freeman and the Southern University System Board of Supervisors welcomed John A. Wilson, executive director of the White House Initiative on Historical Black Colleges and Universities (WHICH), during the board’s October 2009 meeting.
- Interim President Kerrie Freeman, a former member of the White House Initiative Advisory Board, led a group of Southern University trustees to welcome President Barack Obama signing a memo of the executive order on federal efforts to enroll historically black colleges on February 15, in the White House East Room.
- The SU System presented the annual J.K. Haynes Teacher Preparation Conference in October 2009 that featured the state superintendent of education and brought more than 200 educators, university faculty, school administrators, and personnel to Southern University and A&M College and the SU Ag Center, for a one-day meeting focused on education.
- Interim President Kerrie Freeman’s new book, Race, Ethnicity, and Gender in Education: Cross Cultural Understandings, edited with Joseph Zajda, was published by Springer in 2009.
- Ambassador Johnnie Carson, who serves as assistant secretary of State for the Bureau of African Affairs, conducted a colloquium about an omnibus of contemporary international opportunities and issues at CNSO, November 2009.
- A team of Southern University and A&M College engineering students went to China in December 2009 to forecast technology and business ideas. The students spent two weeks in China with four different companies working on ways to conserve energy in China and the United States.
- The Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center welcomed Claro M. Haglund, the new Louisiana state Director of USDA Rural Development, to the campus on December 2009.
- Interim/ Southern University System President Kerrie Freeman was among the Comparative and International Education Society’s (CIES) past presidents who made presentations during the opening plenary session of the CIES 54th Annual Conference in Chicago, Illinois, February 24 – March 5.
- Interim Southern University System President Kerrie Freeman was part of a CEO panel to discuss using an operational approach to learn and accelerate Access to Success (A2S) goals and ingest the National Association of Systems Heads’ (NASH) meeting in Baltimore, Maryland, on April 13.

Become a national leader in the debate on minority student achievement.

Kassie Freeman, Ph.D.