SUSLA Welcomes New Appointments

ROSETTA JONES, PH.D.
VICE CHANCELLOR FOR ACADEMIC & STUDENT AFFAIRS

A graduate of the Leland Public School District, Rosetta Jones is the daughter of Mrs. Bessie M. Jones—Burns and the late Mr. Robert Lee Jones, Jr. and the late Eddie Burns. She is a life-long member of St. James A.M.E. Church in Leland, MS.

Upon earning a high school diploma from Leland High School, she attended Mississippi Delta Junior College and transferred to Mississippi State University where she earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Education. To advance her level of education, she attended Delta State University where she received both a Master of Education and Educational Specialist Degree in Educational Administration and Supervision. Her passion for learning culminated by being the first African American to earn the Doctorate of Philosophy in Community College Leadership from Mississippi State University.

A practicing and licensed Respiratory Therapist, Dr. Jones’ professional career in the field of education began as a Personal Development Specialist at Coahoma Community College Workforce Training Center in 1994 under the leadership of retired president, Dr. Vivian M. Presley. Recognizing Dr. Jones’ high energy, creative, and innovative ideas, Dr. Presley promoted Dr. Jones to serve as the Director of Continuing Education. Dr. Jones served as the director of continuing education for approximately eight years. Over an eight-year period, she expanded off-campus course offerings and programs from five off-campus site instructional sights to eight off-campus instructional sites to ensure access to educational opportunities throughout the college’s five-county service area. Additionally, she increased student enrollment from 138 students to more than 1,000 off-campus evening students. This record setting enrollment lead to the college’s overall recording setting enrollment which increased from 900 students to well over 3,000 students.

A creative, innovative, visionary leader with a passion to improve the quality of health care, Dr. Jones developed a health care consortium to address the shortage of health care practitioners in the Northwest corner of the Mississippi Delta. Having first-hand experience as a respiratory therapist, while working part-time at Northwest Regional Medical Center, Dr. Howard observed a revolving door of health care practitioners and approached the hospital’s chief administrator, the late Mr. Tim Mitchell, regarding a partnership to develop and implement health care programs. This partnership resulted in securing nearly $1,000,000 over a five-year period to support faculty salaries; health care equipment and supplies; and the land to erect a facility to house the programs. Additionally, funding was secured from the Coahoma County Board of Supervisors to build the existing Coahoma Community College Allied Health Care Building which now houses all health science programs. Finally, Dr. Jones assisted with writing and securing nearly $7 million in grants to support the health science programs.

Dr. Jones’ civic and community responsibilities include participation, support, and association for and with the Clarksdale Chamber of Commerce, Clarksdale Rotary Club, Delta Jubilee, Sunflower River Blues Festival, Tennessee Williams Festival, Mississippi Humanities Council, Chief Academic Officers Association for Southern States, Women in Higher Education, and numerous other clubs and organizations. Dr. Howard is also a member of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Dr. Jones joined the Southern University System in October 21, 2013, and serves as the Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs at Southern University Shreveport.
REGINA STOVALL ROBINSON, PH.D.
VICE CHANCELLOR FOR RESEARCH,
SPONSORED PROGRAMS & INSTITUTIONAL EFFECTIVENESS

Dr. Regina Stovall Robinson, a native of Greenville, Mississippi, is a graduate of Northwestern State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Clinical Laboratory Science. Dr. Robinson earned a Master of Arts degree from Louisiana Tech University in Human Relations and Supervision and a Ph.D. from Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in Cellular Biology & Anatomy. Dr. Robinson has served the healthcare community as a Clinical Laboratory Scientist at LSUHSC, Schumpert Medical Center, and Minden Medical Center. During her tenure at Southern University at Shreveport since 1986, she has served the institution as the Program Director for the Medical Laboratory Technician program, Department Chair of Biology, Dean of Allied Health, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, as well as Co-Principal Investigator of several National Institutes of Health (NIH) grants.

Currently, she serves as the Vice Chancellor of Research, Sponsored Programs & Institutional Effectiveness. She is a member of various professional and civic organizations, to include the American Society of Clinical Pathologists, National Association of University Women, Shreveport Christian Martial Arts Academy, and Delta Sigma Theta, Inc. Married to retired Lt. Steven Douglas Robinson, Sr., she is the mother of three boys: Steven Douglas, Ryan Jumaane, and Jeremy Rashawn; and the grandmother of four: Caesar Antonio, Sarai Anastasia, Anaya Noel, and Madison Rose Joy.

MELVA TURNER-WILLIAMS, PH.D.
EXECUTIVE ASSOCIATE TO THE CHANCELLOR

For the past ten years Dr. Melva Turner-Williams has worked in the area of Academic and Student Affairs as an advocate for students. Recently she was appointed as the Executive Associate to the Chancellor at Southern University at Shreveport (SUSLA). This executive level position serves as the senior staff member in the Office of the Chancellor and coordinates the formulation of educational and administrative policies and procedures for the campus.

Prior to returning to SUSLA, Dr. Williams served as the Associate Dean of the College at Centenary College of Louisiana. Centenary is recognized as one of the most prestigious colleges in the South as it has been named one to the best liberal arts college in the nation by U.S. News & World Report and many other national publications.

In her previous tenure at SUSLA, she held the position of Assistant Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs. She also worked for the Southern University System as Chief of Staff to the System President and Assistant Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs where she assisted in the management of five campuses with over 14,000 students throughout the state of Louisiana. Although she worked in the Jaguar Nation for over 8 years, she is proud to say that she started her career in academia at her alma mater, Grambling State University, where she worked as Program Coordinator.

Dr. Williams earned the Bachelor of Arts in Mass Communication and the Master of Science in Public Administration from Grambling State University. Additionally, she earned the Doctorate of Philosophy in Higher Education from Jackson State University in Jackson, MS. In December of 2008, she was invited to attend the Oxford Round Table, at Oxford University in Oxford, England.

In 2010 Dr. Williams was honored to receive “The Difference Award” presented by Rev. Theron Jackson for making a positive impact through education in her community. Currently, she serves as member of the board for the Robinson Film Center and Board President for Extensions of Excellence Arts Organization. She also participates as board member for several other non-profit boards in Shreveport such as the Odyssey Foundation which focuses on autism awareness and childhood obesity. Dr. Williams is a founding board member of the Shreveport Charter Foundation where she along with seven of her colleagues built the first new school in Caddo Parish in over 30 years. The school is a state of the art k-8 grade charter school which opened in August of 2013 named the Magnolia School of Excellence.

Dr. Williams is also a proud member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., along with many other professional organizations. She is married to Mr. Steve Williams the former tour manager of the Ebony Fashion Fair of Chicago, Illinois and is the daughter of Mr. Melvin Turner and Mrs. Hazel Mardis Turner.
TERENCE VINSON, PH.D.
ASSISTANT VICE CHANCELLOR FOR ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT

Dr. Terence Vinson is a respected, influential member of the higher education community. He is an experienced educator and is known for his thoughtful vision surrounding access and success programs in higher education. Dr. Vinson has served as a national presenter on the topic of higher education access and success and Summer Bridge Program. Born and raised in Shreveport, Louisiana, Dr. Vinson attended public school and is a proud graduate of Booker T. Washington High School. Upon graduation from high school, he attended college and received a Bachelors of Science in Psychology. While enrolled in Northwestern State University, he served in the United States Army as a reservist for six years. After completing his Psychology degree Terence obtained a Masters and Specialist in Education with a concentration in Instruction and Leadership from Northwestern State University. He was conferred by the administration, faculty and staff at Grambling State University with a Doctor of Education degree with concentrations in Developmental Education and Instructional Systems and Technology. Terence has taught courses in the College of Education, Department of Language and Communications, and within the University College.

Dr. Vinson has extensive professional experiences ranging from two and four year institution of higher learning to legislative policy. Currently, as Assistant Vice Chancellor of Enrollment Management Dr. Vinson provides leadership to the Offices of Admissions, Registrar, Financial Aid, Recruitment, Testing and Dual Enrollment. With years of experience in dual enrollment and pre-freshman program, Dr. Vinson plans to bring new insight to the dual enrollment program at SUSLA. “It is my mission and passion to champion Southern University at Shreveport as a student-centered institution so students can take advantage of SUSLA’s rich academic foundation,” Vinson stated.

Some of Dr. Vinson’s research interests include minorities in higher education, African Americans in Louisiana Higher Education, at-risk and low income students in higher education, and high school to college transition programs. He completed a grant funded research project on John Gideon Lewis, Sr. entitled John Gideon Lewis, Sr.: From Slave Child to Leader of Ongoing International Fraternal Movement. Dr. Vinson is a member of the American Association of Blacks in Higher Education, National Council on Black American Affairs, National Association of Developmental Education and a host of other state and national organizations.

LALITA DAWN ROGERS, PH.D.
UNIVERSITY REGISTRAR

Lalita Rogers, a native of Shreveport, Louisiana, has been a professional in higher education for over seventeen years. Her experience spans over North and South Louisiana and Texas. She began her career in higher education at Louisiana State University in Shreveport, her alma mater, as an Admissions Counselor in 1996. Over the past decade, Dr. Rogers has served in various capacities in student affairs and enrollment management at LSUS, Dillard University, Grambling State University, Wiley College, and now SUSLA, where she currently serves as the University Registrar.

Dr. Rogers earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Mass Communications – Public Relations from Louisiana State University in Shreveport; Master of Education in Higher Education Administration from University of New Orleans; and a Doctor of Philosophy in Urban Higher Education from Jackson State University.

JEREMY R. ROBINSON
DIRECTOR OF RECRUITMENT

Jeremy R. Robinson is a 2009 graduate of the University of Louisiana at Monroe (ULM) with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Marketing. Mr. Robinson joined SUSLA in 2010 and now has over 3 years of experience in financial aid, admissions, recruitment, and banner processes. His broad-based knowledge of business and selling concepts, as well as experience in relationship marketing and personal selling has been beneficial in prior recruitment efforts for SUSLA and the SUSLA/SUNO Connect program.

For the past 3 years, Mr. Robinson has served SUSLA as a Financial Aid Advisor, Admissions/Recruiter Counselor, and Interim Director of Admissions and Recruitment. Currently, he serves the institution as the newly appointed Director of Recruitment.
DEBORAH SIMMONS  
DIRECTOR OF E-LEARNING

Deborah Simmons currently serves as Director of E-Learning at SUSLA. In this capacity, she supports the Office of Academic and Student Affairs in response to the ever-changing higher education landscape by promoting educational opportunity, access, student success and afford ability. Specifically, Ms. Simmons serves as the point of contact for assisting faculty and staff in using educational technologies that help support their teaching and enhance the learning and retention of students.

Before joining SUSLA, Ms. Simmons held professional positions at Louisiana Tech University, Grambling State University, Louisiana Delta Community College and Texas State Technical College.

Ms. Simmons received her Bachelor of Science and M.B.A. degrees from Grambling State University in Computer Information Systems, and is currently completing requirements for her doctoral dissertation entitled: “The Effect of Student Response Technology on Active Engagement with Course Content as Measured by Attendance and Course Grade”.

CLEOPATRA ALLEN  
DIRECTOR FOR OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT AND QUALITY MANAGEMENT

Cleopatra Allen is an eight year veteran in higher education, particularly in the area of assessment, accreditation, strategic planning, and organizational leadership. She comes to Southern University at Shreveport as the Director for Outcomes Assessment and Quality Management from Wiley College in Marshall, Texas. As an assessment practitioner and champion of institutional effectiveness, she thrives on the ability to participate in processes that discover and capitalize on opportunities.

She has a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, a Master of Arts in General Counseling and Guidance, and is currently pursuing a Doctor of Philosophy in Organizational Leadership.

DEVONYE BROWN  
ASSESSMENT COORDINATOR OF OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT & QUALITY MANAGEMENT

Devonye Brown joined the Southern University at Shreveport (SUSLA) family in November 2003. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration / Pre-Law from Louisiana State University, and a Master of Science degree in Human Resource Management and Development from National-Louis University. Since coming to SUSLA, she has served as an educational advocate for the TRIO Talent Search Program, admissions officer, student retention coordinator, and faculty member in the Hospitality Department in the Division of Business Studies.

Devonye is known for her innovative teaching methods; and, her other notable accomplishments include incorporating national certification standards in the hospitality program, revitalizing the hospitality club, and managing four academic programs in the department. She was recognized as a 2009 National Institute for Staff & Organizational Development (NISOD) Award of Excellence Recipient. Devonye was most recently appointed to serve as the assessment coordinator for the department of Outcomes Assessment and Quality Management, and looks forward to serving the institution in this capacity.

Her life outside of academia includes engaging in community service -- often conducting workshops for area teens, or serving as a Spanish language instructor. She is also a proud member of Alpha Kappa Sorority, Incorporated.
ANNIE MOSS
DIRECTOR OF ADMISSIONS

Annie Moss is the former Director of Admissions and Recruitment at Grambling State University. With over 25 years of experience in higher education, she possesses a solid understanding of enrollment management issues and trends related to achieving enrollment goals. Annie has held a number of positions in the areas of admissions, recruitment, facilities management, and student housing. As an educational software consultant, she has experience in all stages of system development including analysis, design, testing, implementation, and product support.

While she is new to team SUSLA, she is not new to the SUSLA family. As a consultant for the development of SUSLA’s current student database system, in 2003 Annie assisted in the implementation of the Banner system. She has also worked with SUSLA on several special projects. She is excited about joining the admissions teams within the Southern University System, and looks forward to contributing to its overall mission.

Hailing from Ruston, Louisiana—by way of Bienville—Annie is a widow and mother of two sons (Christopher and Kellen) and has three grandchildren (E’Marlyn, Armani, and Christian).

BRANDY JACOBSEN
ASSISTANT VICE PRESIDENT FOR FINANCIAL SERVICES

Mrs. Brandy Jacobsen, originally from Zwolle, LA, attended Northeast Louisiana University (now known as ULM) and obtained a Bachelor of Business Administration, Concentration Accounting in December 1998. She went on to attend Louisiana Tech University and to obtain a Masters of Professional Accountancy in May 2000. Upon graduation, she began working for KMPG, LLC as a staff auditor. In August 2002, she moved on to work as a Senior Accountant for Grambling State University. While at Grambling, she held several positions including Senior Accountant (2002-2005), Assistant Comptroller (2005-2008), and finally Comptroller (2008-2009).

In December 2009, Brandy joined SUSLA as Comptroller. While at SUSLA, she has participated in a finance system conversion to Banner, transitioned paper checks to electronically processing student refunds on Higher One cards, conversion of the online payment gateway, and implemented the ability for students to accept fees online. As part of the 2013 Southern University System re-organization, Brandy currently serves as Assistant Vice President for Financial Services at SUSLA. She supervises five departments which include Payroll, Accounts Payable, Travel, Grants, and Student Accounts. Brandy also serves as a member of the Chancellor’s Cabinet and several other committees.

ELANA T. SMITH
HUMAN RESOURCES ANALYST

Elana T. Smith currently serves as Human Resources Analyst with Southern University at Shreveport. Ms. Smith has 10 years of State Civil Service Human Resources experience. Prior to joining Southern University, she worked as a Human Resources Analyst at LSU Health Shreveport.

Ms. Smith is an active member of the Eastside Baptist Church. Her interest and outside activities include participating in sporting activities and volunteering. In her spare time she enjoys spending time with her family.
LARRY FERDINAND  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
CORPORATE AND BUSINESS  
Larry Ferdinand is a native of Port Allen, Louisiana. He received his BS Degree in Math from Southern University in 1969. He spent 27 years at AT&T where he served in different management positions. His first job at AT&T was as a Wage and Salary Administrator. He later was chosen to be in the company’s staff trainee program in which he was rotated in different positions throughout the Shreveport Plant. Those positions included working as a Section Chief, Buyer, Material Planning and Provisioning Manager, Warehouse & Storeroom Manager and Chief Operating Officer, AT&T Plastics-Shreveport.

After retiring from AT&T in 1996, he worked at Southern University-Shreveport as Director of Continuing Education. He later served as Shreveport’s Director of Community Development and Governor Blanco’s Director of Solutions to Poverty Initiative.

His public service included serving as NAACP Branch President, Shreveport City Councilman and four Governor appointed boards: Southern University Board of Supervisors, Red River Waterway Commission, Louisiana Housing Finance Agency and Louisiana Housing Corporation.

He is married to the former Cassandra Gordon of Louann, Arkansas.

MAJOR BROCK  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CENTER FOR STUDENT SUCCESS AND DIRECTOR QEP  
Major Brock brings an illustrious background of experiences in a variety of public/private services, i.e. Senior Civil Rights Specialist, U.S. Department of Education; Chief Administrator Officer, city of Shreveport; Deputy Finance Director, city of Houston; and Regional Director, Copeland Companies, a nationally renowned retirement specialist firm, to his current capacity as Executive Director, Center of Student Success / Director, QEP.

Over his relatively brief eight (8) year tenure with Southern University, Mr. Brock has been Associate Executive Director of Adult Programs and Executive Director for the newly created SUSLA Community Development Center (CDC). Mr. Brock was a prominent contributor to the writing of the QEP for SUSLA.

Mr. Brock has a bachelor of arts degree in Sociology, Master of Arts in Human Relations (Organizational Development) from Oklahoma University and extensive study in public administration at North Texas University as well as a SELG Certificate from the Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University.
Robin Givens Encourages SUSLA Students to Push Through Adversity

Don't give up. Actress Robin Givens used those three words to motivate students at Southern University Shreveport during Fall Convocation at the Health and Physical Education Complex.

“When it hurts, when it gets difficult, when it gets painful, when it gets discouraging, and when it gets lonely, don’t give up,” she said.

Givens shared her personal experiences with students as she talked about her life not only as a mother, but also as a black woman in today’s society. She reassured them that through adversity, character is built.

“What you are doing is awesome, so don’t stop,” she said. “Don’t look up and don’t look too far ahead. Take life one day at a time, one step at a time, one class at a time, and I promise you there will be a time you will look up and be where it is you want to be.”

Givens began her acting career with an appearance on “The Cosby Show.” She also made appearances in movies such as “Boomerang” alongside comedian Eddie Murphy and in “The Women of Brewster Place” along with actress and former television host Oprah Winfrey. Givens was also married to boxer Mike Tyson.

Instead of letting obstacles deter success, Givens proposed that students use those same stepping stones as a path to their dreams instead.

“There’s nothing you can do about yesterday and the decisions you made, but there is something you can about right now,” she said. “I want to encourage you to make good choices, to believe in yourself and to have good relationships with people you can lean on.”

Givens also instilled in students that education is their ticket to wherever they want to go. In addition, she reminded students that an education is something no one can take and one thing that will continue to elevate one’s growth.
Remembering 50 Years Forum Stirs Debate About Future of Civil Rights

Associate Professor and Coordinator of Sociology Clifford Collins and others listen to the Rev. H. Calvin Austin speak during the Civil Rights Movement program at Southern University Shreveport. Rev. H. Calvin Austin still remembered marching throughout the streets of Shreveport for justice 50 years ago. However, the question everyone was curious to know the answer to was “Where do we go from here?” “Quit looking at political affiliations, quit looking at pigmentation of skin and quit looking at economic status,” Austin said. “Come together not only as people of a race, but as a makeup. Together we stand, and divided we fall.”

The forum highlighted monumental events, as well paid homage to local and national leaders in the civil rights movement. Students re-enacted some of the movement’s most pivotal moments and key players, including Martin Luther King Jr., Malcolm X, the Black Panther Party, 16th Street Baptist Church bombing, Montgomery bus boycotts and the cafeteria sit-in of four North Carolina A&T University students.

“I knew previously about the different civil rights movements nationally, but I never knew about civil rights movements locally in Shreveport, so participating gave me a chance to research more about the different types of marches we did,” said freshman Billy Anderson, who portrayed Martin Luther King Jr. “I took away just to remember what happened and try not to repeat it like getting registered to vote and enhancing your future to the best of your abilities and not just waiting, but living your life to its full aspect.”

The forum consisted of a panel including Austin, professor Clifford Collins, attorney Jerry Edwards, Judge Leon Emmanuel and attorney Mary Jackson. Each member of the panel addressed selected questions ranging from “Whose responsibility is it to keep the movement going?” “Why should we take time to remember the civil rights movement?” “Was it necessary what took place 50 years ago?” to “What do you think was the turning point for nation?” “The generation that we have here at Southern University is not really aware of the civil rights movement. They have read about it, they’ve seen it on films, but they weren’t here and the majority of them weren’t born,” division chair for Behavioral Sciences Rosalyn J. Holt said of the importance of the forum. “We have some more work to do, but they need to understand the reason they are here is because of the civil rights movement. Everyone that was in this audience today, they are where they are today because of the struggles.”

Holt said with SUSLA being an HBCU in the area, it’s the school’s obligation to educate students on the history of the culture and to continue to provide forums, events and open dialog about what took place 50 years ago.

“I hope that they have been stirred by what they heard the panelists say so that they can go on and continue the work,” she said. They take certain things for granted, but if they realize blood was shed, tears, and they need to get out there and do what they need to do, because they are our future.”

The Times - Shakari Briggs
SUSLA CELEBRATES WITH DIVERSE STUDENT BODY

Students, faculty and staff were invited to visit the exhibit at SUSLA to taste dishes created by students, many of whom came from across the world to attend the university.

“We came here to celebrate and to talk about our culture and our food,” said Abdulrahman Salah, a SUSLA freshman, originally from Saudi Arabia. Salah and other Saudi Arabian students brought several traditional dishes of rice and chicken combined to create kabsa.

“We’re trying to show all of the school and all of the people here our culture,” said Ali Awam Almuhamidh, another SUSLA freshman from Saudi Arabia, who shared some insight into the different dining practices of Americans and Saudi Arabians. “When we cook, we eat together and use our hands, we never use a fork.” For Salah, the taste of culture event offers an opportunity for students from his country to break misconceptions. “Everywhere we go, people think we are bad people, that we carry bombs, that we are going to do bad things, but actually, that’s not right,” Salah said. “Islam is actually peace, the main thing of our religion is peace. Everyone has to pray and understand people.”

The event was the first of its kind to be held at SUSLA, said Jo Anne Walker, history professor and one of the chief organizers for the event. “We chose today because it was Halloween, and we didn’t want students to be apprehensive about the cultures they derived from,” Walker said. “What Southern University is striving to do now is be more diverse and strive to be inclusive. So what we’re trying to do is not just look at any one culture, but to bring all cultures here and make them feel welcome.” SUSLA’s History Department worked with longtime partner the Multicultural Center of the South to organize the event.

“This is just another one of our community outreach projects, and one of the best places to do it is Southern University where you’ve got a very diverse population” said Janice Gatlin, executive director of the center. “We hope to educate the public of the rich culture that we have here and that everyone can learn about everybody else.” By learning about the history behind a culture, misconceptions can be corrected, and insight can be gained, Gatlin said. “People aren’t born prejudiced, it’s taught and it’s learned as they grow up,” she said. “But at events like this, people can come and see and talk to other people and take part in some of their traditions and learn about their culture.”

The event not only allowed international students to share their cultures, it also gave some SUSLA students a chance to showcase their uniquely American heritage.

“I made Cherokee pepperpot soup. It has various types of peppers in it with hamburger and chicken meat,” freshman Olivia Conley said. “I chose Native American because I’m part Native American and my grandmother is full-blooded Cherokee, so I called her and got the recipe.”

The event attracted hundreds of SUSLA students who stopped by to learn a bit about their classmates and sample the traditional foods.

“The international student dean called me and asked if I would make a traditional Nigerian meal and dress in Nigerian attire, so I can talk about Nigerian culture,” said Henry Nwokolo, a SUSLA student who brought a dish of rice to share with his fellow students. “It’s important because many people have misunderstood Africa; they think Africa is a country and they don’t know it is a continent.”

Nwokolo explained to those who attended that his country has three major native languages in addition to English, and has a rich history and culture. “Some people ask how did you learn English, and some of my classmates ask if we have the same cars, or if we live in huts, tents, I say go to YouTube and check the videos, please. But that’s how you start to teach people,” he said.
Congratulations to SUSLA’s I.T. Department for winning “Pink Week Save the TaTa’s” contest!

The 2013 theme chosen SUSLA’s students who really expressed the true feelings and commitment to the faculty, staff, students and all who participated demonstrating their concerns as it relates to Breast Cancer Awareness.

We are truly making great strides to increase the awareness of Breast Cancer not only to the University family, but to the MLK community as a whole. Informational displays were setup in various areas on all campus. The SGA dedicated an entire week to assist in the efforts. The Metro Campus really got involved with the sale of T-Shirts and other items. The efforts at the Metro were led by, Ms. Urina Holt, Ms. Venus Ammons and the Allied Health Department.

There real dedication was shown this year, when on the morning of Wednesday, October 30, 20-25 individuals walked in the rain to show their support to family members and friends currently going through treatment and for those that didn't win the fight. Before the walk, Ms. Josetta Franklin, a new employee in the Business Department, brought the crowd to tears when she shared her survivor story with the group. She is a strong person who relied on her faith and support of her then 10 year old son to get her through the rough days.

We not only have SURVIVORS at SUSLA, we have many CO-SURVIVORS. A co-survivor is anyone who is important to the survivor and helps them whenever it is needed. They cook, clean, do laundry, babysit and provide emotion support at all times. That is why we at Southern University at Shreveport, “Thrives To Survive Breast Cancer” in every aspect of the word.

A donation of over $1,100 was made to the C. Wright Pink Ribbon Foundation with the funds raised from all SUSLA Breast Cancer Awareness activities. The C. Wright Pink Ribbon Foundation is a locally founded organization that assist survivors and their families. The foundation is named in honor of Ms. Catherine Wright, a six year cancer survivor of Bossier City, LA.

Breast Cancer survivors: Josette Franklin and Linzola Winzer

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Shreveport Community Participants Complete Grant Writing Program at SUSLA

Southern University at Shreveport Louisiana (SUSLA) provides quality education to its students while being committed to the total community. The University is dedicated to excellence in instruction and provides many services to the community. One of the services provided to the community on a yearly basis is a grant writing program to train community organizations to have the skills to write grants and seek funding from various agencies to enhance community development. In order to continue this service, SUSLA conducted another grant writing class this past summer. Three participants (Annette Payne, Reuben Payne and Tonya Haggerty) from the Shreveport-Bossier community enrolled in the program and graduated with complete written grant proposals. The 16-hour grant writing class was offered between July 18 and August 15, 2013. The class covered topics ranging from proposal development, federal grants, state grants, foundation grants, contracts to cooperative agreements. The grant writing class is a hands-on program and participants graduate from the program with a complete written grant proposal that can be submitted to a funding agency immediately. The program is offered through the SUSLA Continuing Education Program under the direction of Ms. Beverly Parker. The instructor for the class was Dr. Joseph Orban, a Distinguished Professor of Biomedical Sciences at SUSLA.

2013 Summer Grant Writing Class with Dr. Orban (instructor) and Ms. Parker (Program Director) at SUSLA

UPWARD BOUND STUDENTS TOURS NORTHWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY

Upward Bound North has begun an exciting year. On October 19, 2013, 20 students visited Northwestern State University for their homecoming game. Attendees also took a self-guided tour of the campus and dined in the cafeteria for dinner. While attending the football game, students got to experience the social side to a homecoming event with activities such as tailgating. The students also enjoyed watching the marching band perform for the half time show.
SUSF Hosts Its’ 9th Annual Port City Classic Golf Tournament

The Southern University at Shreveport Foundation (SUSF) hosted its’ 9th Annual Port City Classic Golf Tournament Monday, October 14, 2013, at Crooked Hollow Golf Club in Greenwood, LA.

The event hosted eighty-six (86) players, the largest tournament to date. The Port City Classic is one of the Foundation’s major annual fund-raising events. This year’s tournament’s event totaled $20,000.00.

The event honored two (2) prominent business men, Mr. Roy Griggs of Griggs Enterprise, owner of McDonald’s and Mr. Keith Hightower, former Mayor of Shreveport. Both men have played in all of the prior Port City Classic tournaments and have always been supporters of the University and the Foundation.

In addition, three (3) scholarships were established and awarded, Dr. Leonard Barnes, Mr. John Arthur Woods and Orlando Chapman, Sr. Dr. Ray L. Belton, Chancellor of the Southern University at Shreveport campus was presented a check in the amount of $15,000.00 for student scholarship and university enhancements. Mr. Travis Griffin, served as the event Chairman, and was assisted by Mr. Don Copelin and Mr. Cornell Valentine. The Mistress of Ceremony was Ms. Rosie James, KTAL Channel 6 – NBC affiliate network.
The event was an overall success with lots of door prizes and awards for all. We would like to thank all of our supporters and corporate sponsors. Special thanks to Emily Owens who served as Tournament Coordinator.
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