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CHANCELLOR'S REPORT
to the
Southern University Board of Supervisors

"We Are Southern"

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Entergy \$2 Million Award Matched With \$2 Million From Governor John Bel Edwards

Entergy has partnered with Southern University to further support its mutual commitment to developing engineering talent for the future. A \$2 million grant to Southern University from Entergy and the Entergy Charitable Foundation will support classroom and lab infrastructure improvements, as well as curriculum and faculty professional development for the university's engineering program. During a September grant press conference, Gov. John Bel Edwards announced a \$2 million match.

This multi-year initiative will also fund the creation of internship and mentoring programs to enhance and strengthen the relationship between Entergy and Southern University.

"As a national leader in educating minority and women engineers and STEM professionals, Southern University is an ideal partner for Entergy to continue to build on our investments in growing a diverse workforce," said Leo Denault, Entergy chairman and chief executive officer. "Entergy has a long history of working with universities within the Gulf South



to develop the professional and technical employees that can support the continued economic development across the region as well as Entergy's internal long-term workforce needs."

Entergy has an extensive track record of supporting the communities it serves, and the company believes that reinvesting in these cities and neighborhoods will

enhance the quality of life for everyone. Entergy also works to attract talented, diverse employees through its college recruiting efforts and relationships with minority professional organizations. Having contributed more than \$2.3 million over the past five years to historically black colleges and universities, Entergy hopes to continue to play a key role in keeping talented graduates employed in our region.



HOMECOMING 2018

Homecoming 2018 was a Southern Affair for students, alumni and friends. It started with a basketball game between alumni and students and a convocation with Bishop Raymond Johnson as a special guest. It was followed by the Ultimate Talent Showcase, Gospel Fest, and Comedy Show and Fashion Extravaganza.

The week of activities included a ribbon cutting ceremony for the Tony Clayton Championship Plaza. SU alumni and board member Clayton and family were recognized for their generous gifts and continued support of the university. A highlight of the week was the crowning of the 88th Miss Southern, Darby A. Smith.





ExxonMobil

Southern University and A&M College received a check for \$120,300 from ExxonMobil Baton Rouge. \$111,300 was awarded as part of ExxonMobil Foundations' 2017 Educational Matching Gift Program. The gift represents a 3:1 match

of university donations from employees, retirees and surviving spouses. ExxonMobil also awarded \$9,000 in departmental grants and supported a sponsorship of the career fair.

Southern at City Hall

President/Chancellor Ray L. Belton and other members of the Southern University family appeared at City Hall for Southern University Day. The visit was a part of the events for Homecoming 2018. Members of the Human Jukebox were also on hand for the day, performing for members of the Metro Council Chambers. During the event, alumni who served on the council were recognized.



Faculty Honored for Outstanding Performance in the Classroom



Several awards were presented during the 2018 Faculty Convocation. Six faculty members received the Faculty Outstanding Achievement Award for Spring 2018. They were honored for receiving the highest student ratings from more than 4,000 student evaluations submitted in spring 2018. The faculty honored were: M. A. Salam, professor, Computer Science Department; Doris S. Hall, adjunct instructor of music; Alberta Roberson, adjunct instructor of criminal justice; Koffi Dodor, assistant professor of accounting; Katherine Zeno, assistant professor of nursing; and Clarence Merckerson, assistant professor of Rehabilitation and Disability Studies. In recognition of their achievement, these faculty members received free parking for the semester, lunch with President/Chancellor Belton and James H. Ammons, executive vice president/executive vice chancellor, and Jaguar paraphernalia.



Career EXPO Provides Career Opportunities for Students

The Career Services Center will be hosting its annual fall Career Exploration Week September 17-21. More than 70 companies and industry leaders were on campus recruiting and interviewing students.

“We had a full week of activities that certainly created an atmosphere that empowered our students to succeed and reach their full potential,” said Tamara Montgomery, director of the Career Services Center. “It is always a pleasure to welcome our corporate sponsors, career day participants and alumni to these events, which provide valuable networking and interview opportunities.”

Activities included a career fair, resume reviews, company interviews, coffee chats, and more.





For two days in September, Southern University and A&M College showed its appreciation to faculty and staff during several events, including a luncheon and staff convocation. Southern University had its Staff Convocation and Development Institute, this week with more than 400 in attendance. President/Chancellor Belton talked briefly with staff and presentations were made by Dr. Kimberly Ferguson Scott, vice chancellor for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, on her plans for the Division. Dr. Christel Slaughter, CEO of SSA Consultants, presented on Customer Service, and Dr. Bijoy Sahoo, senior associate vice chancellor for Academic Affairs, made a presentation on Setting Goals for Student Success. Dr. Donovan Segura, director of the SACSCOC Quality Enhancement Plan, presented to the group on “How Accreditation Impacts My Bottom Line.” Southern’s Employee Appreciation Day was September 25. The University provided lunch to staff and recognized outstanding employees. The events were designed to show Southern’s appreciation to its employees and share with them how they can help Southern meet its student success goals.



2018 EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION EVENTS



New Faculty/Staff Campaign Launched — Goal to Raise \$250,000 for Need Based Scholarships

More than 300 employees attended the kick-off event for the “We Are Southern” Employee Breakfast at Southern University and A&M College (SUBR) University Event Center on Thursday, September 28.

The breakfast was sponsored by the Southern University Foundation in conjunction with the Office of the Executive Vice President/Executive Vice Chancellor to raise funds for a new need-based scholarship funded by faculty and staff to help students cover a portion of their college costs.

The scholarship will be targeted at those students who are seniors in an effort to help them graduate in four years.

James H. Ammons, executive vice president/executive vice chancellor, and Alfred Harrell, CEO Southern University Foundation; partnered to sponsor the “We Are Southern Breakfast.”

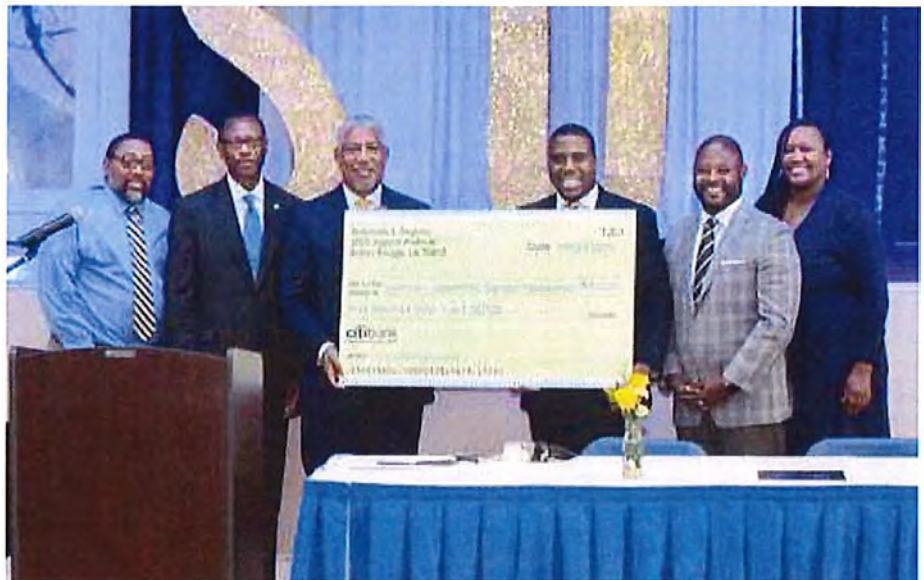
The new campaign is being called the “We Give” Campaign. Those individuals who give \$1,000 or more will become a member of the “We Give Society” and have the opportunity to attend a special luncheon where they will be awarded a lapel pin.

“This scholarship will be one of our ways of giving back to the students who make

our jobs at Southern possible,” said Ammons. “And, the great thing about this scholarship is that everybody can contribute — whether you give \$5 or \$1,000.”

While the “We Give” Scholarship is need-based, it is also targeted at seniors who are about to graduate.

If we can help these students graduate on time — which means completing college in four years — we can get a greater allocation from the state,” said Ammons. “More importantly, we will help these students to fulfill their goal of being a college graduate.”



Dr. Donovan Segura, SUBR Quality Enhancement Plan Director for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges, presented a check for \$500 for the effort which is being called the “We Give” campaign. The 2018 goal for the campaign is to raise \$250,000. From left to right are: Albert Samuels, president of the Faculty Senate; James H. Ammons, executive vice president/executive vice chancellor; Ray L. Belton, president/chancellor; Segura; Alfred Harrell, CEO, Southern University Foundation; and Toni Jackson, president of the Staff Senate. (Photo by John Oubre)

