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MESSAGE FROM...


PIERRE

Dear Jaguar Nation,

As we conclude another successful semester at Southern University, I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to our students, faculty, staff, alumni, and supporters for your unwavering commitment to excellence. Your resilience, dedication, and collective spirit continue to strengthen our institution and propel us forward.

This fall brought many moments of pride and celebration, most notably our recent Bayou Classic victory, a testament to the talent, preparation, and determination of our student-athletes. Whether you joined us in New Orleans or cheered from home, your support made this year's Classic truly unforgettable.

I also extend warm congratulations to our graduates. Your hard work, perseverance, and dedication have brought you to this important milestone. We are incredibly proud of your accomplishments, and we look forward to witnessing the great contributions you will continue to make in your communities and professions. You represent the very best of Southern University.

This semester also marks a significant transition in leadership for the Southern University System. We offer our appreciation and best wishes to SUS President Dennis J. Shields as he embarks on the next chapter. His leadership and contributions have had a meaningful impact on our system, and we are grateful for his service to the Jaguar Nation.

As we look ahead to a new year and a new semester, let us remain committed to academic excellence, innovation, and community. I am proud of what we have achieved together, and I am inspired by the opportunities that lie ahead for Southern University.

Wishing each of you a restful winter break and a joyful holiday season.



Welcoming Coach Marshall Faulk & Ushering in a New Era of Jaguar Football

Dear Southern University and A&M College Community:

It is with great pride and enthusiasm that we welcome Coach Marshall Faulk as the new head coach of Southern University Jaguar Football. This appointment marks a truly historic moment for our university, as Coach Faulk steps into his first head coaching role, a milestone that underscores both his confidence in Southern University and our bold vision for the future of Jaguar Athletics.

A Pro Football Hall of Famer, New Orleans native, and one of the most dynamic athletes in the history of the game, Coach Faulk brings to Southern an extraordinary legacy of excellence, leadership, and commitment to developing young men of character. His transition into head coaching at Southern University is a powerful statement about who we are and the heights we are preparing to reach.

With Coach Faulk at the helm, we are witnessing the dawning of a new era of Jaguar Football, one defined by discipline, competitiveness, and a renewed pursuit of greatness. The excitement across Jaguar Nation is palpable, and the future of our football program has never been brighter.

As we embrace this transformational moment, we also recognize that elevating Jaguar Athletics requires the collective strength of our alumni, supporters, and friends. Philanthropic support is essential to enhancing our facilities, expanding student-athlete services, and providing the resources needed to compete at the highest level.

We invite you to join us in supporting this new era. Contributions can be made directly to the Southern University System Foundation, and every investment, large or small, helps strengthen the foundation on which we are building the future of Jaguar Football.

Coach Faulk's leadership, combined with the dedication of our student-athletes and the unwavering spirit of Jaguar Nation, positions Southern University for an extraordinary chapter ahead. Thank you for standing with us as we move boldly into this next era.

Go Jags!

John K. Pierre

Chancellor

Southern University and A&M College

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY SELECTED FOR \$2 MILLION TMCF CAPACITY BUILDING GRANT



Southern University and A&M College has been selected as one of only eight HBCUs to receive \$2 million through the Thurgood Marshall College Fund's (TMCF) Project HBCU Capacity Building Initiative, funded by Lilly Endowment Inc. The initiative represents a \$25 million investment to strengthen HBCUs through research, operations, and innovation.

Southern's proposal, "Building Capacity for Strategic Data Leadership at Southern University and A&M College," was developed and submitted by Chancellor John K. Pierre, Dr. Luria Young, Dr. Caronda Bean, and Dr. Scott Wicker. The project will enhance the University's ability to use data-driven decision-making to improve student success, enrollment, and institutional performance.

"This investment will accelerate our efforts to build a stronger, more innovative Southern University," campus leadership shared. "It positions us to create new opportunities for our students, empower our faculty, and elevate the University's capacity to serve our community."

TMCF President and CEO Harry L. Williams added, "This initiative is about building sustainable capacity so that HBCUs can continue to lead, innovate, and transform lives for generations to come."

Over the next two years, TMCF will track progress across participating institutions, monitoring improvements in enrollment, retention, graduation rates, research output, and overall institutional sustainability.

Southern University is proud to join this select group of HBCUs working to advance innovation and strengthen the future of higher education.

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION EARNS NATIONAL CAEP ACCREDITATION



The School of Education, led by Dr. Emily Jackson-Osagie, has been recognized as one of 36 educator preparation providers (EPPs) from 22 states to earn accreditation from the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) during the Fall 2025 review cycle.

This national recognition places the School of Education among an elite group of 544 CAEP-accredited programs worldwide, representing institutions across 43 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Bahrain, Jordan, Oman, Qatar, and the United Arab Emirates.

Dr. Emily Jackson-Osagie

CAEP accreditation affirms that the School of Education meets rigorous national standards focused on high-quality instruction, continuous improvement, and strong evidence that its graduates are prepared to be effective, caring educators in diverse PK–12 settings.

“This accreditation is a significant milestone for our School of Education,” said Dr. Jackson-Osagie. “It reflects the dedication of our faculty, staff, candidates, and partners who work tirelessly to uphold excellence in educator preparation. We are honored to be recognized among this year’s 36 accredited providers.”

The CAEP Accreditation Council reviews educator preparation programs using a peer-review process grounded in evidence, equity, and accountability. Accreditation ensures that programs consistently demonstrate strong outcomes and a commitment to preparing teachers who are ready to meet the needs of today’s classrooms.

The School of Education celebrates this achievement as it continues its mission to prepare knowledgeable, compassionate, and impactful educators for schools and communities across the region, state and nation.

DMRS HONORS COLLEGE CELEBRATES HONORS COLLEGE SIGNING DAY



Dr. Deadra James Mackie

The Dolores Margaret Richard Spikes Honors College proudly hosted its annual Honors College Signing Day on Saturday, November 2nd at the Leon R. Tarver II Cultural and Heritage Center, welcoming a new cohort of exceptional scholars into its prestigious academic community. Families, friends, faculty, and campus leaders gathered to celebrate students who committed to pursuing rigorous scholarship, leadership development, and meaningful community engagement.

This year's ceremony held special significance as scholars were offered on-the-spot scholarships, recognizing their outstanding academic performance and future potential. As student commitments were announced they were met with enthusiastic cheers, applause, and emotional moments shared with proud families.

Interim Dean Deadra James Mackie opened the celebration with inspiring remarks, commending students for their perseverance, academic excellence, and commitment to their educational journeys. She also highlighted the transformative opportunities awaiting them within the Honors College, including undergraduate research, mentorship, leadership development, and global engagement.

Parents and guardians were recognized throughout the program for the encouragement and support that helped carry students to this moment. Many expressed their excitement for the academic and financial support provided through the Honors College experience.

The celebration concluded with a luncheon where students and families connected with honors faculty, advisors, and current scholars. The room was filled with pride and anticipation as these future leaders prepared to embark on their next chapter as members of the DMRS Honors College community.

This year's Signing Day was a memorable milestone, made even more meaningful by the on-the-spot scholarships and the leadership of Interim Dean Deadra James Mackie, who continues to champion student success and academic excellence.

JAGUAR PREVIEW DAY WELCOMED FUTURE JAGUARS TO AN EXCITING DAY ON THE BLUFF



Southern University's Office of Admissions and Recruitment successfully hosted its annual Jaguar Preview Day on Saturday, November 15, 2025, welcoming thousands of excited prospective students and families to campus for an unforgettable day filled with energy, pride, and discovery.

From the moment guests arrived, they were met with the unmistakable spirit of the Jaguar Nation. Attendees had the opportunity to meet current students, faculty, staff, and campus administrators who shared insights about academic programs, student life, and the rich traditions that make Southern University one of the most storied HBCUs in the nation.

Visitors explored the university's excellent academic offerings, engaged directly with departmental representatives, and gained a deeper understanding of the rigorous and supportive environment Southern provides.

One of the signature highlights of the day was the Jaguar Prowl, the university's official campus tour, which guided guests across the historic grounds and inside key facilities as they envisioned themselves thriving on "The Bluff."

Registration perks, including a hearty lunch and exclusive Jaguar merchandise, were a major hit among attendees. The day culminated with an electric game-day atmosphere as participants filled A.W. Mumford Stadium to cheer on the Mighty Jaguars in the Southern vs. Texas Southern matchup, giving future Jaguars a firsthand look at the excitement of SU Athletics.

Families and students alike praised the event's outstanding organization and the warm hospitality extended throughout the day. Many shared that Jaguar Preview Day strengthened their decision to choose Southern University as the next step in their academic journey.

With thousands inspired and energized, Southern University proudly celebrates another successful Jaguar Preview Day and looks forward to welcoming the next generation of Jaguars to The Bluff.

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY RECEIVES \$110,000 GRANT FROM BOEING



On Saturday, November 15th, Southern University and A&M College welcomed representatives from The Boeing Company for the presentation of a \$110,000 grant to support student success and academic innovation across campus.

The grant will provide scholarships, curriculum enrichment, support for student organizations, technology improvements, and industry-relevant learning experiences that prepare Southern University students for high-demand careers. This investment is part of Boeing's broader engagement strategy to foster a long-term partnership that elevates both the University and its students.

Boeing Representatives include: Kia Smith, Jeremy Plater, Anthony Fisher, Brandon Kenny, Regina Chenault and Clyfer "Trey" Bass III.

Southern University Representatives include: President Dennis Shields, Chancellor John K. Pierre, Dr. Luria Young, Tamara Foster-Montgomery, Dr. Marla Dickerson, Dr. Lealon Martin, Dr. Donald Andrews, Dr. Deadra James Mackie.

Southern University extends its appreciation to Boeing for its continued commitment to advancing workforce development, innovation, and student opportunity across the Jaguar Nation.

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY CONCLUDED UNESCO AI LITERACY WEEK 2025 WITH STRONG ENGAGEMENT



Southern University and A&M College successfully concluded the Southern University–UNESCO AI Literacy Week 2025, a three-day event that strengthened the University's understanding and application of Artificial Intelligence in teaching, learning, and academic leadership.

Led by Dr. Moustapha Diack, Department of Science/Math Education, College of Science and Engineering, the initiative brought together faculty, staff, and academic leaders for collaborative learning and exploration of AI's rapidly growing role in higher education.

Dr. Moustapha Diack

Throughout the week, participants engaged in sessions designed to deepen AI literacy and expand practical knowledge:

- Day 1 addressed AI Governance and Ethics, establishing a foundation for responsible and ethical innovation.
- Day 2 showcased AI Literacy in Practice and featured a special tribute to Dr. Leon R. Tarver II, honoring his enduring impact on culture, global collaboration, and academic excellence.
- Day 3 focused on Prompt Engineering, offering practical insight into how tools such as ChatGPT and GPT-5 are reshaping instruction and academic operations.

Additional resources, including the Day 3 publication, a commemorative video honoring Dr. Leon R. Tarver II, and a podcast exploring AI, JEDI principles, and the future of learning management systems were made available to participants.

Faculty were reminded to complete their AI Literacy Portfolios, which will be required for participation in the University's next phase of AI professional development. Southern University also announced that expert-level AI training sessions will take place in Spring 2026, providing deeper, hands-on engagement with AI tools and ethical applications.

The successful implementation of AI Literacy Week was supported by Dr. Luria Young, the Office of Academic Affairs, and college and departmental partners across campus. The initiative marked a significant step forward in Southern University's commitment to innovation and its strategic vision for an AI-enabled future.

CAHES HOSTS DRAX CAPACITY BUILDING DAY IN COLLABORATION WITH CAREER SERVICES



The College of Agricultural, Human and Environmental Sciences (CAHES), in collaboration with the Southern University Career Services Center, recently hosted DRAX Capacity Building Day, an initiative focused on strengthening institutional effectiveness and enhancing student success through strategic innovation and

partnership. The event was coordinated with leadership and support from Robert Easley and Tamara Foster-Montgomery, whose contributions were central to the success of this capacity-building effort.

Capacity-building is defined as the process of developing and strengthening the skills, abilities, processes, and resources that organizations and communities need to survive, adapt, and thrive in a fast-changing world. At its core, true capacity-building involves long-term transformation, shifting mindsets, expanding capabilities, and cultivating resilience rather than simply completing tasks.

Southern University continues to advance this work through its Corporate Capacity Building Model, developed by Institutional Advancement and Career Services. This model has demonstrated meaningful impact on student development, employer engagement, and alignment between academic programs and workforce needs.

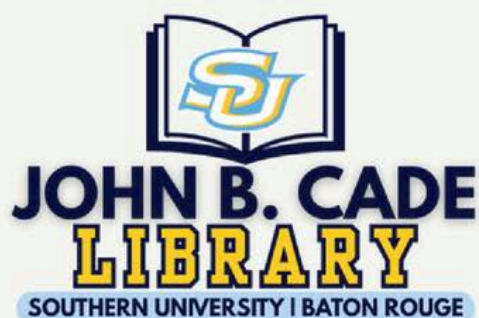
As workforce and industry expectations evolve, Career Services departments nationally are transforming through new technologies and innovative student support models. The career center of the future must focus on building meaningful partnerships, fostering career communities, and engaging students and alumni throughout their professional journeys. Such work requires sustained strategic planning rather than short-term solutions tied to outdated practices.

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DRAX Capacity Building Day reinforced that student success is a shared responsibility, requiring intentional collaboration among faculty, staff, alumni, industry partners, and external stakeholders. Through initiatives like this, CAHES, the Career Services Center, Tamara Foster-Montgomery, and Robert Easley continue to champion sustainable strategies that empower students, strengthen university–industry relationships, and position Southern University for continued excellence in a rapidly changing world.





CADE LIBRARY FACULTY EARN CERTIFICATE IN OPEN EDUCATION LIBRARIANSHIP AND NATIONAL APPOINTMENTS



*Advancing Open Education at
Southern University —
congratulations to Dr. Banks (top)
and Ms. Payne (right)!*



John B. Cade Library faculty members **Dr. Maya Riley Banks**, Head of Public Services, and **Maletta Payne**, Head of Technology and Information Services, recently completed the Certificate in Open Education Librarianship through the Open Education Network (OEN), a national organization supporting access and affordability in higher education through open educational resources (OER).

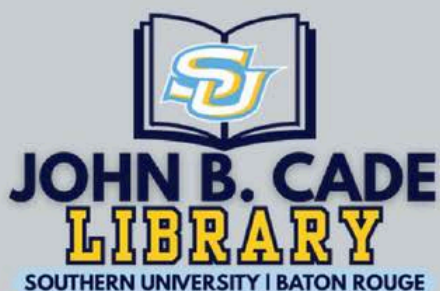
The eight-month program provides training in open education practices, copyright and licensing, and program development. Participants from across the country engage in online coursework, mentorship, and project planning designed to build institutional support for OER. Their participation was sponsored by the LOUIS Consortium, which continues to champion open education initiatives statewide.

As part of the program, both librarians also completed the Library Copyright Institute, receiving advanced instruction in copyright for academic librarians.

Maletta Payne shared that the experience strengthened her leadership and expanded her capacity to support campus-wide open education efforts, particularly within the HBCU context. She has since been appointed to the OEN Event Planning Committee and selected as an advisor for the American Library Association's Libraries Transforming Communities initiative.

Dr. Banks also continues to represent Cade Library nationally. She was appointed to the Editorial Board of College & Research Libraries News and to the ACRL University Libraries Section Academic Outreach Committee for the 2025–2027 term. Her ongoing scholarship in affordable learning and open pedagogy informs her work in student and faculty engagement.

Dean of Libraries Dawn Kight praised both librarians, noting that their accomplishments “reflect the depth of expertise and innovation that define Cade Library's mission to advance teaching, learning, and open access across the Southern University System.”



BOOKED @ CADE RECAP: AN AFTERNOON WITH DR. MONA LISA SALOY



Dr. Mona Lisa Saloy shares insights on Louisiana culture, resilience, and the power of storytelling during her book talk at the John B. Cade Library.

The John B. Cade Library continued its Fall 2025 Booked @ Cade Author Series on Thursday, November 6, with a meaningful and engaging visit from Dr. Mona Lisa Saloy, Conrad N. Hilton Endowed Professor of English at Dillard University. Dr. Saloy is the author of several celebrated poetry collections and most recently co-editor of *Hurricanes Katrina & Rita at 20: An Anthology of Louisiana Poetry with Art*, a powerful volume reflecting on memory, community, culture, and resilience in the years before and after the storms that forever changed Louisiana.

Faculty, students, staff, and community members filled the Multipurpose Room to listen as Dr. Saloy shared not only her scholarship, but also her lived experience as a culture-bearer, poet, and witness to the shifting landscape of New Orleans. Her remarks highlighted the richness of Louisiana's oral and artistic traditions, emphasizing the importance of preserving language, memory, and story — especially in communities where history is often spoken, sung, or danced long before it is written down.

Throughout the program, Dr. Saloy encouraged the audience to keep showing up for their own lives, offering a personal example from her publishing journey. She recounted how one of her earlier books was submitted 25 times, receiving 24 rejections before finally being accepted — a reminder that persistence is, in her words, “soft power in motion.” Her message resonated deeply: talent matters, but resilience matters more.

The discussion also touched on how Hurricanes Katrina and Rita reshaped not only the physical geography of New Orleans, but also the cultural, emotional, and communal landscape of the city. Dr. Saloy spoke candidly about loss, memory, migration, and the continuing work of restoration and reclamation.

Following an engaging audience Q&A, guests had the opportunity to purchase books and receive personalized autographs, creating a warm close to a thoughtful and inspiring event.

The John B. Cade Library thanks Dr. Saloy for sharing her voice, vision, and spirit — and we thank all who attended for continuing to help make Booked @ Cade a place where story and community meet.

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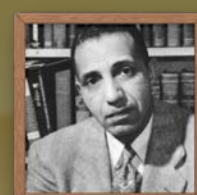
JAGUAR NEWS YOU CAN USE



LOOKING FOR MORE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO CONTINUE YOUR EDUCATION?

The Louisiana Workforce Commission has current opportunities available for undergraduate students.

For more information, send your contact information (email and phone number) to the Southern University Office of International Affairs and University Outreach at oiuo@subr.edu.



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- Anonymous



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Chat with Chancellor

Your Voice. Your Campus. Your Future.



Chat with the Chancellor is a campus initiative led by Chancellor John K. Pierre that gives students, faculty, and staff the chance to connect, share ideas, and speak openly about what matters most at Southern University. Whether you're celebrating a recent achievement, raising a concern, or offering a fresh perspective, your voice matters.

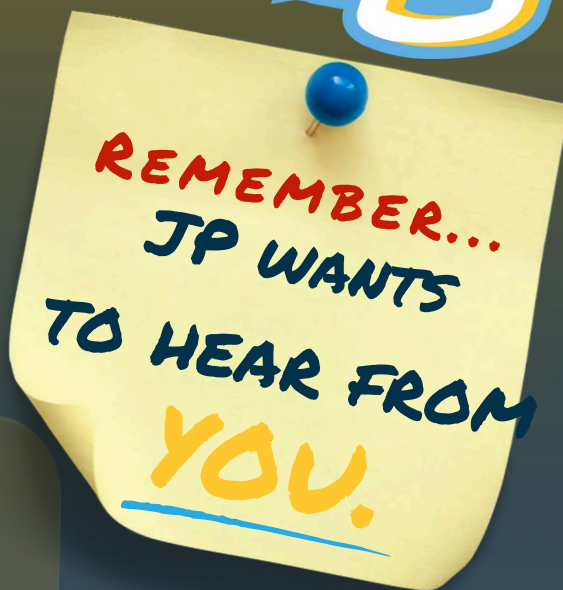
This ongoing series creates a welcoming space for open dialogue, helping build a stronger, more connected Jaguar Nation... one conversation at a time.

Chancellor Pierre is enthusiastic about engaging in constructive discussions, promoting collaboration, and inspiring positive change.

We invite you to connect and be a part of this vital conversation.

Your input is invaluable, and *together*, we can achieve extraordinary results for Southern University and Jaguar Nation.

For any correspondence, please reach out to Chancellor Pierre at ChancellorSubr@sus.edu.





Happy Holidays

FROM

Chancellor

JOHN K. PIERRE

and the SUBR family!

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