

**SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**(Following the Facilities and Property Committee)**

Saturday, October 23, 2010  
Southern University Metro Center  
Multi-Media Purpose Room  
610 Texas Street  
Shreveport, Louisiana 71107

**AGENDA**

1. Call to Order and Invocation
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of the Agenda
4. Public Comments
5. Action Items
  - A. Minutes of the September 10, 2010 regular meeting of the SU Board of Supervisors
  - B. Committee Reports and Recommendations
    - 1.) Academic Affairs Committee
    - 2.) Finance and Audit Committee
    - 3.) Governance Committee
    - 4.) Facilities and Property Committee
  - C. Resolutions
6. Informational Reports
  - A. Project Positive Direction
  - B. Chancellors' Reports
7. Other Business
8. Adjournment

**SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
Friday, September 10, 2010  
Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, J.S. Clark Administration Building  
Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

**MINUTES**

The meeting of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by the Chairman, Atty. Tony M. Clayton. The invocation was given by Mr. Randale Scott.

**PRESENT**

Atty. Tony M. Clayton, Chairman  
Mr. Darren G. Mire, Vice Chairman  
Atty. Murphy F. Bell, Jr.  
Mr. Patrick W. Bell  
Mr. Richard J. Caiton  
Atty. Walter C. Dumas  
Atty. Warren A. Forstall  
Atty. Randal L. Gaines  
Atty. Patrick D. Magee  
Mr. Murphy Nash, Jr.  
Mr. Randale Scott  
Mr. Achilles Williams

**ABSENT**

Mr. Walter Guidry  
Atty. Patrick O. Jefferson  
Mr. Myron K. Lawson  
Mrs. Lea P. Montgomery

**UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING**

System President Ronald Mason, Jr.  
Vice President Tolor E. White  
Chancellors Ray Belton (SUSLA), Kofi Lomotey (SUBR), Victor Ukpolo (SUNO),  
Leodrey Williams (SUAREC), and Freddie Pitcher (SULC)

**BOARD COUNSEL**

Atty. Winston DeCuir, Sr.  
Atty. Tracie Woods

**AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

On motion of Mr. Bell, seconded by Atty. Bell, the agenda was adopted, as printed.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Persons listed below spoke in opposition to recent Board actions approving recommendations from the System and SU Baton Rouge Administrations relative to personnel, promotion and tenure and research matters:

SUBR Faculty Senate Representatives - Drs. Sudhir Trivedi, Tom Miller,  
Diola Bagayoko, and Albert Samuels  
SUBR Faculty Member Archie Stines  
SUBR Graduate Student Mia Crawford.

Dr. Miller also urged the Board not to approve the proposed PAF Policy, as revised, which had been placed on its Personnel Affairs Committee's agenda for action.

In response to the concerns raised by the speakers, Dr. Mason noted the sense of frustration that is permeating all levels of University as a result of reduction in its operating budgets, programs, services and staff. . He called attention to the System Administration's plan of action to address current issues which are having an unprecedented and deleterious impact on the institution's continued viability.. Dr. Mason announced that more drastic measures will have to be taken to address additional budget cuts to higher education that are anticipated for FY 2011-2012. The Board of Regents has called on the Southern University and other higher education institutions in the State to present two scenarios for addressing new budget cuts, he concluded.

Chairman Clayton assured Drs. Trivedi and Miller that he would meet with them following the Board's meeting, to exchange dialogue and seek resolution to faculty concerns and issues.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEMS**

A. Minutes of the August 20, 2010 meeting of the Board of Supervisors

On motion of Mr. Bell, seconded by Atty. Magee,

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the minutes of the August 20, 2010 meeting be and they are hereby approved, as corrected.

Motion carried. Atty. Dumas abstained.

B. Committee Reports and Recommendations

1). Academic Affairs Committee

On motion of Atty. Forstall, seconded by Mr. Caiton, the report of the Academic Affairs Committee, including the following recommendation, was approved.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee, that the Chancellor's recommendation to promote Mr. Willie Burton from Associate Professor to Professor in the Department of History and Geography on the Southern University - Shreveport Campus be and it is hereby approved

2. Executive Committee

On motion of Atty. Bell, seconded by Atty. Gaines, the report of the Executive Committee, which include the following recommendation, was approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, that the settlement proposal between Dr. Al Barron and Southern University – Baton Rouge, which includes the reinstatement of Dr. Al Barron to a position at the University, be and it is hereby approved. The details are to be finalized by the SUBR Chancellor and the System President.

Motion carried unanimously.

3. Finance and Audit Committee

On motion of Mr. Williams, seconded by Atty. Magee, the report of the Finance and Audit Committee, including the following recommendation, was approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Finance and Audit Committee, that the Administration be and it is hereby authorized to transfer LaCumba funds to the SGA account to support student programs, events, and initiatives on the Southern University - Baton Rouge campus.

Motion carried unanimously.

The referendum related to the above action was approved by the student body during the September 7, 2010 election.

4. Personnel Affairs Committee

On motion of Atty. Magee, seconded by Atty. Dumas, the report of the Personnel Affairs Committee and the following recommendations were approved.  
Motion carried unanimously.

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**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Personnel Affairs Committee, that the Southern University - Baton Rouge Administration be and it is hereby authorized to waive the search and appoint Ms. Pamela Jones as Chief Budget Officer, effective September 1, 2010 at an annual salary of \$70,000.

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**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Personnel Affairs Committee, that the appointment of Mr. Gregory Spann as Adjunct Assistant Professor in the Department of Management and Marketing, Southern University - Baton Rouge, effective August 16, 2010 to May 13, 2011 at an annual salary of \$55,000 be and it is hereby approved.

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**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Personnel Affairs Committee, that the appointment of Dr. Scharmaine Lawson-Baker as Assistant Professor of Graduate Nursing (tenure track position) at Southern University - Baton Rouge, effective August 16, 2010 at an annual salary of \$70,000 be and it is hereby approved.

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**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Personnel Affairs Committee, that the appointment of Ms. Melinda Carmouche as Assistant Professor of Nursing at Southern University - Baton Rouge, effective August 16, 2010 at an annual salary of \$60,000 be and it is hereby approved.

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**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Personnel Affairs Committee, that the appointment of Ms. Reta T. Stewart as Associate Executive Director for Trio Outreach Adult Services at Southern University - Shreveport, effective September 1, 2010 at an annual salary of \$50,000 be and it is hereby approved.

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**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Personnel Affairs Committee, that the realigning and restructuring of the Trio Community Outreach Programs at Southern University - Shreveport to include the following title changes for staff members be and they are hereby approved.

- Change in title for Mrs. Betty Fagbeyiro from Associate Executive Director of the Trio Upward Bound Programs/Director of Upward Bound South to Assistant Director of Trio Upward Bound Programs/Director of Upward Bound South, effective September 1, 2010 at an annual salary of \$53,500.

-Change in title for Mr. Thydcomphia Ray Brown from Director of Upward Bound North to Associate Executive Director of Upward Bound Cohort Tracking/Director of Upward Bound North, effective September 1, 2010 at an annual salary of \$43,000.

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**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Personnel Affairs Committee, that leaves of absence be and they are hereby approved for the following personnel:

-Leave of Absence (Sick) with pay for Mrs. Linda G. Carr, Interim Internal Audit Director, Southern University - Baton Rouge, effective July 22, 2010 to September 20, 2010.

-Leave of Absence (Maternity) with pay for Ms. Kenetra Curry, Middle School Math/Science Teacher at the Southern University Laboratory School, Southern University - Baton Rouge, effective September 22, 2010 to November 5, 2010.

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**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the revised Personnel Action Policy, Systemwide, be and it is hereby approved.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 5C: RESOLUTIONS**

On motion of Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Scott,

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that condolences from the Board by way of a resolution be tendered to families named below:

- Mrs. Rosalie Sterling
- Mr. James L "Billy" Cannon
- Mrs. Betty Simmons
- Mrs. Rhonda Spikes Brown
- Mr. John H. Ootsey, Sr.
- Former La. State Senator Ken Hollis

#### **AGENDA ITEM 6: PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Mason provided a status report on the implementation of "Project Positive Direction" for the enhancement of Southern University System.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 7: CHANCELLORS' REPORTS**

In addition to monthly written reports, Chancellors Belton, Lomotey and Ukpolo presented data on current enrollment on their respective campuses and the impact of anticipated additional reductions on their 2011-2012 budgets.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 8: OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Jason Hughes, Executive Director for Governmental and External Affairs for the Southern University System, announced that he had accepted a staff position with New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu. He will depart the University for his new job on September 24, 2010.

Mr. Hughes expressed his appreciation to members of the Board, Administrators and Staff for their assistance during his tenure at Southern University.

The Board's appreciation and commendations were extended to Mr. Hughes for the outstanding service he rendered as a legislative liaison for Southern University.

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The presence of Mr. Donald Wade, former SU National Alumni President and National Alumni Director; and Mr. Reginald Joseph, former SU Alumni National President, was recognized by the Board Chair.

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Legislative Committee Chair Patrick Bell announced the meeting of the SU System Legislative Team, following the Board's meeting in the President's Conference Room, 4<sup>th</sup> floor of the J.S. Clark Administration Building.

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In response to an inquiry, Board Member Scott was advised that the search to fill the Assistant Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs at Southern University - Baton Rouge was in progress and open to all qualified applicants.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 9: ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Mr. Bell, seconded by Atty. Magee, the meeting was adjourned.

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Secretary, S.U. Board of Supervisors

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Chairman, S.U. Board of Supervisors

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

9:00 a.m.

Friday, September 10, 2010

Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room

2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, J.S. Clark Administration Building

Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

**MINUTES**

The meeting of the Executive Committee of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by the Chair, Atty. Tony M. Clayton. The invocation was given by Mr. Patrick W. Bell.

**PRESENT**

Atty. Tony M. Clayton, Chair

Mr. Darren G. Mire, Vice Chair

Mr. Patrick W. Bell

Mr. Richard J. Caiton

Atty. Walter C. Dumas

Atty. Warren A. Forstall, at -large

Atty. Patrick D. Magee

Mr. Murphy Nash, Jr.

Mr. Randale Scott

**ABSENT**

Mr. Walter Guidry

Mr. Myron K. Lawson

Atty. Patrick O. Jefferson

**UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING**

System President Ronald Mason, Jr.

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Atty. Winston DeCuir, Sr. - Board Counsel

**AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

On motion of Atty. Mr. Bell, seconded by Atty. Forstall, the agenda was adopted, as printed.

Motion carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**AGENDA ITEM 5: APPEAL BY DR. AL BARRON (EXECUTIVE SESSION)**

On motion of Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Mire, the Committee convened into an executive session to consider the appeal of Dr. Al Barron.

Motion carried unanimously. Roll call vote: 7 yeas: Clayton, Mire, P. Bell, Caiton, Forstall, Nash, and Scott; 0 nays; 0 abstentions

**-EXECUTIVE SESSION-**

Attys. Dumas and Magee entered the meeting.

**-OPEN SESSION-**

On motion of Mr. P. Bell, seconded by Atty. Magee, the Committee reconvened into open session.

Motion carried unanimously. Roll call vote: 8 yeas; Clayton, Mire, P. Bell, Caiton, Forstall, Magee, Nash, and Scott; 0 nays; 0 abstentions; 1 out: Dumas

On motion of Atty. Magee, seconded by Mr. Bell, the Committee recommends to the Board approval of the settlement proposal between Dr. Al Barron and Southern University – Baton Rouge, which includes the reinstatement of Dr. Al Barron to a position at the University. Details are to be finalized by the SUBR Chancellor and the System President.

Motion carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Mr. Mire, seconded by Atty. Magee, the meeting was adjourned.

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Secretary, S.U. Board of Supervisors

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Chairman, S.U. Board of Supervisors

**ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
Friday, September 10, 2010  
Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room  
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**MINUTES**

The meeting of the Academic Affairs Committee of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by the Acting Chair, Atty. Walter C. Dumas.

**PRESENT**

Mr. Darren. G. Mire  
Mr. Randale Scott  
Mr. Achilles Williams  
Atty. Tony M. Clayton, Ex- Officio  
Atty. *Walter Dumas (appointed to the Committee to effect a quorum and requested to serve as Chair)*

**ABSENT**

Atty. Patrick O. Jefferson, Chair  
Mrs. Lea P. Montgomery, Vice Chair  
Mr. Walter Guidry

**UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING**

System President Ronald Mason, Jr.  
Vice President Tolor E. White  
Chancellors Ray Belton (SUSLA), Kofi Lomotey (SUBR), Victor Ukpolo (SUNO),  
Leodrey Williams (SUAREC), and Freddie Pitcher (SULC)

**BOARD COUNSEL**

Atty. Winston DeCuir, Sr.  
Atty. Tracie Woods

**AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

On motion of Mr. Mire, seconded by Mr. Scott, the agenda was adopted, as printed.

Motion carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEM**

A. Tenure and Promotion Award, SUBR

On motion of Atty. Clayton, seconded by Mr. Scott, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, the Chancellor's recommendation to promote Mr. Willie Burton from Associate Professor to Professor in the Department of History and Geography on the Southern University - Shreveport Campus.

Motion carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Mr. Mire, seconded by Atty. Magee, the meeting was adjourned.

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Secretary, S.U. Board of Supervisors

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Chairman, S.U. Board of Supervisors

**FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE**  
Friday, September 10, 2010  
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Baton Rouge, Louisiana

**MINUTES**

The meeting of the Finance and Audit Committee of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by the Vice Chair, Atty. Warren Forstall.

**PRESENT**

Atty. Warren A. Forstall, Vice Chair  
Mr. Darren G. Mire  
Mr. Randale Scott  
Atty. Tony M. Clayton, Ex-Officio  
Mr. Richard Caiton (*appointed to the Committee to effect a quorum*)

**ABSENT**

Mr. Myron K. Lawson, Chair  
Atty. Patrick O. Jefferson

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**BOARD COUNSEL**

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Atty. Tracie Woods

**AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

On motion of Atty. Clayton, seconded by Atty. Gaines, the agenda was adopted, as printed.

Motion carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Demetrius Sumner, President of the Student Government Association at Southern University - Baton Rouge advised the Committee of the students' endorsement of the

**AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEM**

**A. Transfer of LaCumba Funds, SUBR**

On motion of Atty. Clayton, seconded by Mr. Mire, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, authorization to the Administration to transfer LaCumba funds to the SGA Account to support student programs, events, and initiatives on the Southern University - Baton Rouge campus.

Motion carried unanimously.

A referendum to authorize the above action received a favorable vote of the SUBR students on September 7, 2010.

**AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Mr. Mire, seconded by Atty. Clayton, the meeting was adjourned.

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Secretary, S.U. Board of Supervisors

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Chairman, S.U. Board of Supervisors

**PERSONNEL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
Friday, September 10, 2010  
Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, J.S. Clark Administration Building  
Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

**MINUTES**

The meeting of the Personnel Affairs Committee of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by the Chair, Mr. Richard J. Caiton.

**PRESENT**

Mr. Richard J. Caiton, Chair  
Mr. Darren G. Mire, Vice Chair  
Mr. Randale Scott  
Atty. Tony M. Clayton, Ex-Officio

**ABSENT**

Mr. Myron K. Lawson  
Atty. Patrick D. Magee

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Leodrey Williams (SUAREC), and Freddie Pitcher (SULC)

**BOARD COUNSEL**

Atty. Winston DeCuir, Sr.  
Atty. Tracie Woods

**AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

On motion of Mr. Mire, seconded by Mr. Scott, the agenda was adopted, as printed.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Committee's attention was called to the support document for Item 5B-2 which had been revised to correctly reflect the tenure track status of the position.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

#### **AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEMS**

On motion of Atty. Clayton, seconded by Mr. Mire, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, the following actions:

Motion carried unanimously.

- A. Authorization to the SU Baton Rouge Administration to waive the search and appoint Ms. Pamela D. Jones as Chief Budget Officer, effective September 1, 2010 at an annual salary of \$70,000.
- B-1. Appointment of Mr. Gregory Spann as Adjunct Assistant Professor in the Department of Management and Marketing, SU Baton Rouge, effective August 16, 2010 to May 13, 2011 at an annual salary of \$55,000.
- B-2. Appointment of Dr. Scharmaine Lawson-Baker as Assistant Professor of Graduate Nursing (tenure track position) SU Baton Rouge, effective August 16, 2010 at an annual salary of \$70,000.
- B-3. Appointment of Ms. Malinda Carmouche as Assistant of Nursing, SU Baton Rouge, effective August 16, 2010 at an annual salary of \$60,000.
- B-4. Appointment of Ms. Reta T. Stewart as Associate Executive Director for Trio Outreach Adult Services, SU Shreveport, effective September 1, 2010 at an annual salary of \$50,000.
- C. Realigning and restructuring of the Trio Community Outreach Programs, SU Shreveport, to include the following title changes for staff members.
  - 1. Change in title for Mrs. Betty Fagbeyiro from Associate Executive Director of the Trio Upward Bound Programs/Director of Upward South to Assistant Director of Trio Upward Bound Programs/Director of Upward Bound South, effective September 1, 2010 at an annual salary of \$53,500.
  - 2. Change in title for Mrs. Elaine S. Casey from Director of Educational Talent Search to Associate Executive Director for Middle School Activities/Director

for Educational Talent Search, effective September 1, 2010 at an annual salary of \$53,906.

3. Change in title for Mr. Thydcombia Ray Brown from Director of Upward Bound North to Associate Executive Director of Upward Bound Cohort Tracking/Director of Upward Bound North, effective September 1, 2010, at an annual salary of \$43,000.

D-1. Leave of absence (Sick) with pay for Mrs. Linda G. Carr, Interim Director of Internal Audit, SU Baton Rouge, effective July 22, 2010 to September 20, 2010

D-2. Leave of absence (Maternity) with pay for Mrs. Kenetra Curry, Middle School Math/Science Teacher at the SU Laboratory School, SU Baton Rouge, effective September 22, 2010 to November 5, 2010.

E. Approval of the SU Systemwide Personnel Actions Policy, as revised

#### **AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS**

None

#### **AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Mr. Mire, seconded by Atty. Clayton, the meeting was adjourned.

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Secretary, S.U. Board of Supervisors

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Chairman, S.U. Board of Supervisors

# Southern University and A&M College

## The Chancellor's Report to the Southern University Board of Supervisors

Kofi Lomotey, Chancellor

October 2010



### SIGNIFICANT ACCOMPLISHMENTS/ACHIEVEMENTS

#### SUBR and SU National Alumni Federation Host Successful Recruitment Workshop

Several months ago, SUBR presented a proposal called ***"A Blue and Gold United Effort"*** for endorsement by the SU National Alumni Federation. The proposal, as presented by SUBR, was enthusiastically endorsed by both the immediate past National Alumni Federation President and the current president. The idea was to jointly plan and implement strategies that would equip and prepare alumni chapter representatives to become more effective and informed SU Alumni Recruitment Liaisons to assist SUBR in addressing its enrollment challenges. A planning committee was appointed with representatives from SUBR and from the Alumni Office. Many weeks of planning resulted in a major initial activity – an Alumni Recruitment Liaison Workshop.

SU Alumni Chapters from as far away as Washington, DC and as close as Baton Rouge were represented at what will certainly be remembered as a highly informative and inspiring Alumni Recruitment Liaison Workshop. The activity was held on Thursday, September 17, 2010 on the campus of Southern University and A&M College at Baton Rouge.

Present to greet the 27 workshop participants representing some 18 chapters in the SU National Alumni Federation were SUBR Chancellor Kofi Lomotey, National Alumni Federation President Dennis Brown and SGA President Demetrius Sumner. The day was action packed with history, information,



instructions, tips, suggestions and encouraging and inspiring words from workshop participants, university representatives and students. Participants received a wealth of information from the three key service areas in Enrollment Management – Admissions and Recruitment, Registrar's Office and the Office of Financial Aid. Residential Housing and the Ombuds Office also provided valuable information. All academic deans or their representatives made presentations as well.



All participants were given a recruitment kit that contained a number of tools to help facilitate the recruitment process – a University Catalog, names, e-mails and telephone numbers of key campus personnel, 10 facts about the University, Activity Reporting forms, Alumni Recruiter Handbook, cards to be completed by prospective students, et cetera.

Everyone in attendance felt that the information provided was timely and critical. Our challenge now is to have each chapter represented follow up with the implementation of strategies and activities that will contribute positively toward the University's efforts to increase its enrollment, retention and, ultimately, graduation rates. Efforts resulting from the workshop will be documented and chapter alumni recruiters will be duly recognized for their contributions. Our hope is that other chapters that did not send a representative to the workshop will choose to appoint a recruitment liaison to join this effort.



Our sincere appreciation is extended to National Alumni Federation President Dennis Brown and all of the chapters for their support.

### **Workshop Participants**

Dennis Brown  
Dottie Bell  
E. Jean Ware  
Shayla McCullough

### **Alumni Chapter**

Houston Chapter  
Shreveport Chapter  
Shreveport Chapter  
Washington, DC Chapter

Jackie Brown	EBR Chapter
Alex Brown	EBR Chapter
Betty J. Fuller	EBR Chapter
Melva Lee	Slidell Chapter
LaQuitta Thomas	Dallas Chapter
Lydia Aboagye	Lake Charles Chapter
Lula Richardson	Ville Platte Chapter
Essie Holland	Ville Platte Chapter
Cotessa Solomon	Acadia Chapter
Leslie Mabry	Tangipahoa Chapter
Arthur J. Ray	Hampton Roads, VA Chapter
Lanissa Holden	Wichita Kansas Chapter
Travis Wright	Jackson, MS Chapter
Terrence Mosley	Jackson, MS Chapter
Lionel Collins	New Iberia Chapter
Kenwood Hartman	New Iberia Chapter
Tammy Clark	Atlanta Chapter
Irma Gordon	Tangipahoa Chapter
Etta Brew	St. Martin Parish Chapter
John Broussard	Lafayette Alumni Chapter
James Kelly, Sr.	Tensas Alumni Chapter
Ms. James Kelly, Sr.	Tensas Alumni Chapter
Zanetta Augustine	CAFCS Chapter

### **SUBR to Host Open House for Prospective Students**

The event is set for Wednesday, October 13, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. in W. W. Stewart Hall Auditorium. The University will host an "Open House" for high school students, veterans, non-traditional and transfer students. This activity will be especially helpful for 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders who are still undecided as to what university they will attend and what major they will pursue. It will also be uniquely helpful for transfer students who wish to transition from a two-year institution to SUBR.

Vital information related to admission requirements, financial aid, residential housing, scholarship opportunities, academic programs of study, student life and extracurricular activities will also be presented.

The University's most effective recruitment tool – our students – will be featured and will participate throughout the evening. The Office of Enrollment Management is sponsoring the program.

### **Recruiting Academic Superstars**

SUBR is currently employing several strategies as it seeks to increase its enrollment. The goal is not just to increase enrollment, but also to attract some of the best and brightest students. We are therefore in the process of intensifying our efforts to attract "Academic Superstars." This initiative requires the collective effort

of administrators, faculty, staff, students, alumni and other supporters of SUBR. While we have recruited and sought academically talented students before, our current effort is more intense, structured and organized than it has been previously. The Chancellor, the Provost, all academic deans and chairs, appropriate program directors in Enrollment Management and Student Affairs, student leaders and other students and alumni (especially our Alumni Recruitment Liaisons) will participate in this ambitious recruitment process. Our goal is to touch the prospective student multiple times on a continuous basis through e-mail, text messaging, twitter, Facebook, regular mail, telephone and, hopefully, in-person visits. Dr. Ella Kelley, Interim Dean of the Honors College, is coordinating this effort in collaboration with the Office of Enrollment Management.

### **SUBR Enters Partnership with Pointe Coupee Central High School**

Consistent with SUBR's focus to employ multiple strategies in its attempt to recruit and increase its enrollment, the University recently signed an agreement with Advance Baton Rouge, the non-profit charter organization that operates Pointe Coupee Central High School. Through this partnership, juniors and seniors at Pointe Coupee High will be able to take college-level courses at SUBR in English, mathematics, science and reading. The High School Early Start Program is free, and all courses will be offered through an on-line distance learning initiative allowing students to earn as many as six college credits per year.

This program will give SUBR an excellent opportunity to recruit these students while they are enrolled in university courses during their junior and senior years. We will hopefully have some advantage over other institutions that may be competing for the same students.

This partnership was made official on September 20, 2010 and will be implemented at the beginning of the next academic year.

### **Student Retention**

All of the aforementioned initiatives/projects reflect the university's intensified, consistent and more structured effort to implement simultaneously a variety of strategies designed to assist in increasing our enrollment. We are also very much aware that of equal and critical importance is the need to focus on retention efforts. We know that once the students enroll, we must do everything within our power to retain them until they graduate. Accordingly, the University's Student Retention Task Force is currently doing the following:

- Reviewing our retention goals and objectives as set forth in SUBR 2009-2012 Strategic Plan.

- Ensuring that those goals and objectives are widely known and embraced by every sector of the University and that any modifications needed are made now.
- Ensuring that the development and implementation of specific strategies designed to positively impact retention have been appropriately assigned to various units/offices.
- Ensuring that the task force leadership and the task force membership are monitoring and evaluating follow-up by these designated units/offices.

The Retention Task Force is meeting on a regular basis to fulfill its responsibilities as guided by the current SUBR Strategic Plan.

### **Sister Souljah Opens Chancellor's 2010-2011 Lecture Series**



Best-selling author and activist Sister Souljah opened the Chancellor's 2010-2011 Lecture Series to a room filled to capacity. On Wednesday, September 22, 2010, the Royal Cotillion Ballroom, Smith-Brown memorial Union, was the setting for the much anticipated opening of the fall lecture series. Students, administrators, faculty, staff, alumni and members of the community all were eager to hear from this provocative and informed author and activist.

Her message was informative, instructive, challenging and, at times, brutally honest. Most of her comments were geared toward the students and focused on male/female relationships, assuming responsibility for one's actions or failure to act, the importance of reading and studying from past, present and future perspectives and understanding and appreciating who you really are. She spoke of pride, dignity, self-esteem, and having a sense of morality.

Members of the audience listened attentively throughout her presentation and asked a number of questions during the question and answer session.

The next speaker in the Chancellor's Lecture Series is Dr. Rani Whitfield, "The Hip Hop Doc", on Wednesday, October 26, 2010.

### **SUBR Holds African Forum**

On September 23, 2010 in the Royal Cotillion Ballroom, Smith-Brown Union, Dr. Ibrahima Seck, Director of the West African Research Center, Université Cheikh Anta Diop, Dakar, Senegal, was the featured speaker for an African Forum. The

Forum was sponsored by the Center for International Education, the Department of Foreign Languages, Navy ROTC and Project GO.

SUBR Student Study Abroad participants who traveled to Senegal, Ghana, South Africa and Liberia also participated. This project provided student participants in general and military science students in particular an opportunity to become more knowledgeable of African culture, thus better preparing them to compete in a global market and a global society.

### **University Holds Annual Career Day**

Approximately 82 companies were represented in the F. G. Clark Activity Center on Wednesday, September 15, 2010 to participate in the University's Annual Career Day. Most of the companies had been participating in this activity for some time, but at least ten of the 82 companies were first-time participants.

Hundreds of students took advantage of the opportunity to dress professionally and—with résumé in hand—to enter the Activity Center for the purpose of interacting with corporate representatives from companies located throughout the US. This invaluable exposure often leads to internships or, in some instances, permanent employment. The company gains a valued employee or intern, and the student is the beneficiary of a wonderful opportunity as he/she charts a career path.

The Baton Rouge Campus is deeply grateful for the companies who continue to serve the University by allowing their employees to serve as valuable human resources, by selecting our students for internships or permanent employment and, in some instances, by providing financial support to the University.

### **SUBR Business and Industry Cluster Holds Fall Meeting**

The SU Business and Industry Cluster met for its Fall 2010 meeting on September 15-17, 2010. The Cluster met in conjunction with the University's Annual Career Week. The Chancellor presented his state-of-the-University address and entertained questions and comments from Cluster members. All of the standing Cluster committees also met. As is customary, members of the Cluster led several workshops where students reaped the benefit of the expertise and experience of Cluster members, as they shared information dealing with corporate etiquette, résumé preparation, performance, image, first impressions and the importance of professional dress.

ExxonMobil and IBM, both Cluster companies, made monetary donations to the university while representatives were on campus.

### **SUBR Continues to be Active Participant in Thurgood Marshall College Fund Activities**

Thurgood Marshall College Fund selected and supported 10 SUBR students to attend the Thurgood Marshall Annual Leadership Institute and Conference to be held in New York on 10/28-11/2. Those students are listed below.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Classification</b>	<b>Major</b>	<b>GPA</b>
Augusta, Smith	Graduate Student (Doctoral)	Environmental Toxicology	3.75
Alicia, Joseph	Junior	Biology	3.30
Todd, Paul	Senior	Electrical Engineering Technology	3.37
LaPorchia, Collins	Senior	Agriculture Economics	3.97
Roshea, Roussell	Junior	Electrical Engineering	3.16
Maisha, Robinson	Junior	Mechanical Engineering	3.40
Ronald, Chretien, Jr.	Graduate Student (Masters)	Business Administration	3.19
Justin, Jones	Senior	Civil Engineering	3.56
Jeremy, Maniece	Senior	Electrical Engineering	3.00
Tolulope, Ogunbakin	Junior	Mechanical Engineering	4.00

### **2010 Homecoming Festivities**

By the time that this report is received, SUBR's 2010 Homecoming will be over. On Sunday, October 3, the University began the Homecoming celebration with the convocation and ecumenical program. Homecoming festivities included Blue and Gold Day, a Health and Wellness Fair, Miss Southern's Coronation, a Fashion Show, Concert and Greek Show, and a parade and Grand Marshall's Brunch. An interactive homecoming website was designed this year outlining all of our activities at <http://www.subr.edu/Homecoming2010/Homecoming2010.html>. The Grand Marshall for this year's homecoming was Mayor Melvin Kip Holden.

### **Office of Research and Strategic Planning**

Southern received eight new awards for this reporting period totaling over \$4.5 million. The funding agencies were the US Department of Agriculture and the National Science Foundation.

The National Science Foundation project is \$3M over five years and supports the development of an international dual degree in Sustainable Development (Renewable and Clean Energy). It supports the interaction of our Colleges of Agriculture, Engineering, and Sciences. Our international university partners include Ghizhou University and Shenzhen University. Our scientific research partner is Oak Ridge National Laboratory, a US Department of Energy facility, located in TN. The topics of alternative energy and sustainability have gained

popularity in higher education with the advent of the "Green Collar" job. Consistent with the federal government focus on stimulating economic growth, SU and State efforts have laid the foundation for cutting-edge research and innovation in multi-disciplinary areas that can impact existing and emerging industries in sustainable (new energy) development.

The vision of Louisiana's Science and Technology Plan states that: "By 2025, Louisiana's universities will lead the State's dynamic innovation economy through the advancement of science and technology research and education." Also, the Louisiana Department of Economic Development has structured a model entitled, "The Blue Ocean Initiative" with strategies focused on several high-growth industry sectors including:

- Renewable and Energy Efficiency
- Next Wave Oil and Gas
- Water Management
- Next Generation Auto

Additionally, as set forth in Louisiana Senate Concurrent Resolution #13, SU developed "A Green Energy Plan for Louisiana" that promotes policy-driven legislation aimed at creating a research-driven and resource-sustained green energy economy. This newly funded effort supports Southern's development of the "New Energy" workforce for Louisiana."

**Southern University and A&M College  
 Submitted and Funded Proposals/Contracts/Agreements September 2010**

Grant Title	Agency	Proposal Request	Amount Funded	Dept./Unit	Project Description	PI	Submission / Award Date	Award Period (if applicable)
Graduate Education and Training in Global Food Security and Agricultural Bio-Security	USDA		\$293,600.00	Urban Forestry	The overall impact of this project is to meet the market's annual demand for individuals formally educated and trained in natural resources, and global food security and agricultural biosecurity.	Collins, Daniel	8/23/2010	9/1/2010-8/31/2013
Strengthening Teaching and Learning in Urban Forestry through Climate Change Education	USDA		\$299,836.00	Urban Forestry	The project goal is to strengthen teaching and learning in urban forestry through climate change education.	Ning, Zhu	8/16/2010	9/1/2010-8/31/2013
Global Food and Agricultural Challenges: Strategies for Recruiting and Training Students in the Food and Agricultural Sciences	USDA		\$150,000.00	Ag Econ	The project's goal is to establish the Ag STARTS (Shaping Tomorrow's Agricultural Research Scientists) mentoring program in the College of Agricultural, Family, and Consumer Sciences to better prepare students to compete in the global economy.	Meynsse, Patricia	8/16/2010	9/1/2010-8/31/2013
Integrating Bio-Energy Science and Technology into Agricultural Education at Southern University A&M	USDA		\$298,794.00	Urban Forestry	As a result of this project, the training the Urban Forestry students receive will be broadened to include topics in urban/municipal wood-waste utilization for biofuel and bioenergy production.	Abdollahi, Kamran	8/16/2010	9/1/2010-8/31/2014
Utilizing E-learning to Enhance Preparation of Food and Nutrition Graduates	USDA		\$150,000.00	Human Nutrition and Food	Improve the nation's nutrition and health.	Bernestine McGee	8/12/2010	9/1/2010-8/31/2013
Southern University Childhood Obesity Prevention Study	USDA		\$299,503.00	Human Nutrition and Food	This joint, multidisciplinary project seeks to enhance faculty and student research capabilities through the undertaking of an obesity prevention study.	Glenda Johnson	8/12/2010	9/1/2010-8/31/2013

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Delta Obesity Research Unit – SUBR	USDA		\$75,000.00	AFCS		Jones, Dewitt	9/24/2008	9/15/2008-9/14/2013
ACE Implementation Grant: The New Energy Workforce: Sustainable Materials, Energy, and Technology	NSF		\$3,000,000.00	ORSI	This program will develop STEM scholars & practitioners with the breath of knowledge and experience in sustainable materials, energy & renewable technologies to discover and develop solutions to real-world sustainability problems from global perspective	Stubblefield, Michael	9/14/2010	9/15/2010-8/31/2013
Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU)	NSF	\$277,363.00		Psychology	The REU site is an academic year and a seven-week summer program.	Freeman, Jocelyn	8/12/2010	TBD
Social Drivers of Tele-Neonatology in Rural Settings	NSF	\$676,113.00		ICITD	Overall research goal is to understand the underlying social constructs that facilitate the infusion of tele-neonatology into rural settings.	Mbarika, Victor	8/24/2010	TBD
HIV Sustainability Demonstration	Abt Associates, Inc.	\$240,000.00		Center for Social Research	S.U. is creating a women-centered HIV/AIDS Prevention Program to provide prevention education for the entire student body.	Thornton, Alma		TBD
Developing Excellence and Fostering Emerging Needs in STEM Education (DEFENSE)	DoD	\$4,746,306.00		Mechanical	Strengthen K-20 workforce pipeline for recruiting talent from diverse populations to the STEM enterprise, with emphasis on high school, community college, and graduate school transition points.	Mensah, Patrick	8/19/2010	TBD
Research Excellence for Undergraduates (REU)	NSF	\$457,438.00		ICITD	This project brings together two major research and mentoring centers at SU with both national and international reputations.	Mbarika, Victor		TBD

The Nexus of Information Technology and Democracy: Theory of Planned Behavior as a Conduit to Citizen Participation in E-Democracy in Sub-Saharan Africa	NSF	\$500,400.00		ICITD	This project represents a collaboration of social scientists in the US, Zimbabwe, and Kenya.	Mbarika, Victor		TBD
The Nexus of Sociology and Information and Communication Technology: Social Learning Theory as a Conduit to Patient Compliance through Wireless Technology	NSF	\$601,600.00		ICITD	The purpose of this project is to establish an interdisciplinary collaborative international research program that will assess how to improve patient compliance through wireless technologies.	Mbarika, Victor		TBD
Artificial Intelligence Based Qualitative and Quantitative Data Management and Decision Supports for SEAPON Interdisciplinary Project	NSF	\$750,000.00		Engineering	The SEAPON project deploys multiple types of sensors to measure spatial and temporal distribution of soil properties and ecosystem dynamic variability.	Ye, Zhengmao	9/8/2010	TBD
Enhancing Southern University's Educational Program through Bioenergy Research and Environmental Sustainability Education	USDA	\$1,000,000.00		CEES	This project aims to increase participation by underrepresented students in the agricultural sciences, natural resources, and environmental fields at SUBR.	Washington, Samuel	9/1/2010	TBD

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Equipment Enhancement for the Studies of Broadband Electromagnetic Wave Absorption Properties of Carbon Nanotubes Based Composites	DoD	\$217,900.00		Physics	The objective of this DURIP project is an equipment enhancement for the current research, research training, and education in the studies of the electromagnetic wave absorption properties of carbon nanotube composites.	Zhao, Guang-Lin	9/7/2010	TBD
NetTS: Medium: Multi-Hop Cognitive Radio Networks: From Theory to Protocol Design, Performance Management, and Experimental Evaluation	University of Louisiana at Lafayette	\$241,018.00		Computer Science		Mathieu Kourouma	9/13/2010	TBD
Workshop Grant: US-Cameroon Collaborative Research on the Nexus of Information Technology and Africa's Traditional Medicine at the University of Buea, Cameroon	NSF	\$60,920.00		Science/Math Education	The purpose of this conference is to devise mechanisms of conserving herbal plants/animals, digitization of herbal medicine information and improvement of the quality of traditional herbal medicines in Africa.	Moustapha Diack	9/20/2010	TBD

**TBD (To Be Determined):**

**Submitted proposals awaiting funding notice.**

**Proposed Amt:**

**\$9,769,058.00**

**Funded Amt:**

**\$4,566,733.00**

### **Media Relations Update**

Southern University's 60-year-old freshman architecture student, Sydney Brown, was profiled on WAFB-TV Ch. 9's 6p.m., Oct. 4 newscast.

The Advocate's Sunday (Oct. 3) Magazine published a feature article on SU's Department of Visual Arts Alumni Art Exhibition that opened during the week of Homecoming.

Michelle Hill, Interim Assistant Vice Chancellor of Enrollment Management, was a guest on the Major Topics Show on KQXL 106.5 FM radio at 5 p.m. Sunday, October 3, to promote the University's Oct. 12 "Open House" for high school juniors, seniors, and their parents, along with Community College students and others.

SGA President Demetrius Sumner and other student leaders were guests on the Oct. 3 edition of the Inside the Southern University System show on MAX 94.1 FM. They discussed campus activities and other issues.

On Sept. 28, SGA President Demetrius Sumner was on WBRZ-TV's 2une-In Morning Show to promote homecoming events.

On Sept. 28, WAFB-TV aired a story about Southern signing an agreement with the Advance Baton Rouge Charter School Association to provide the High School Early Start Program for juniors and seniors at Pointe Coupee Central High School. The program is online and free. Students will be able to earn up to 6 college credit hours per year, 3 per semester.

The Advocate followed with a similar story on Sept. 29

On Sept. 16, The Advocate newspaper published a profile of SGA President Demetrius Sumner. The story outlined his decision to come to Southern and his rise to prominence on the campus and with the Board of Regents.

On Sept. 21, WAFB-TV Ch. 9 and WBRZ-TV Ch. 2 reported at a press conference that SU Police had arrested several people in connection with the thefts of TVs from the Mumford Stadium Field house. SU Chief of Police Terry Landry was quoted extensively. The Advocate ran a similar story on the arrests on Sept. 22.

On Sept. 22, The Advocate published a profiled on Dr. Lisa Delpit, the first F. G. Clark Endowed Professor. The profile detailed her background as a celebrated educator while also commenting on the faculty's concern regarding the manner in which she was hired and the timing for same.

SU Media Relations Director Ed Pratt was interviewed on Sept. 6 on the WBRZ-TV 2une-In Morning Show to promote Southern's effort to honor McKinley High School at the Jaguars' Sept. 11 home game, and to promote the game.

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***NAME OF CHANCELLOR: FREDDIE PITCHER, JR.***

***CAMPUS: SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER***

***DATE: OCTOBER 2010***

***SIGNIFICANT EVENTS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS***

***Chancellor Pitcher and President Mason Meet with AALS Officials***

*Chancellor Freddie Pitcher, Jr and President Ronald Mason, Jr. met with officials of the American Association of Law Schools on October 1, in conjunction with the Law Center's bid for membership in the prestigious Association. The President and Chancellor made a presentation to the Membership Review Committee at the AALS headquarters in Washington. D.C.*

*The AALS is a resource for the improvement of the quality of legal education by networking law school faculty, professional staff and deans to information and resources and also as the principal representative of legal education to the federal government, other higher education organizations, learned societies and international law schools. The AALS is a non-profit educational association of 171 law schools representing over 10,000 law faculty in the United States. The purpose of the Association is "the improvement of the legal profession through legal education." This goal is furthered in a number of ways, including professional development programs for law professors and administrators, a complement of over 90 sections organized by faculty and senior administrators, and a membership process that is designed to further the core values of the Association. The AALS serves as the academic society of law teachers with an Annual Meeting that constitutes the largest gathering of law faculty in the world. The AALS also encourages collaboration with law professors on a global level, and has provided seed funding and continuing staff support for the International Association of Law Schools, an independent organization created with the help and encouragement of the AALS.*

*Chancellor Pitcher said the Law Center is currently a "fee paying" school in the Association which limits involvement. "Full membership will reallocate our position among the nation's law schools," he said. "With admission, the SULC would be only the second predominately black law school with this standing. We are always looking to advance our status," he concluded.*

### **Fall 2010 Faculty Colloquium Gets Underway**

*Professor Winston Riddick presented his research, "Haitian Immovable Property: Earthquake Recovery and Economic Development" in Lenoir Hall in September. Professor Riddick said the purpose of his paper, which was presented at the Judge Allen M. Babineaux International Civil Law Symposium, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, July 25, 2010-July 29, 2010, was to 1) examine the legal rights to private ownership of property and 2) suggest specific steps to modify existing Haitian law and practices to develop a stable, transparent property regime for Haiti.*

*Professor Riddick deduced that the implementation of a Haitian land title system will involve at least six stages or steps. They are:*

- 1. The Haitian law of immovable property must be compiled, reviewed, supplemented and changed.*
- 2. A public record system must be designed and implemented.*
- 3. Special land courts must be established with improved and new procedures to expedite the adjudication of claims and the enforcement of court orders.*
- 4. An expedited public land grant program must be designed and implemented immediately.*
- 5. Coercive government laws-both civil and criminal-need to be adopted to ensure enforcement of court decisions and agreements by private parties.*
- 6. A specific territory (state) or region should be selected immediately to begin the implementation of a model program that can be replicated throughout the country.*

### **Financial Management Seminar**

*Theodore R. Daniels, Founder and President of the Society for Financial Education and Professional Development, Inc. presented a financial management seminar in September. The seminar covered debt reduction, repayment of student loans, financial independence, and wealth building.*

*Law Students were particularly encouraged to attend this seminar because the bar admission character and fitness criteria includes a review of credit history. Also, employers consider credit worthiness when choosing a successful applicant.*

### **Constitution Day Observance**

*The Southern University Law Center hosted the joint SULC/LSU Constitution Day Program for 2010 on September 16, in the Moot Courtroom of A.A. Lenoir Hall.*

*The program was captioned as, "Voices of the Constitution, the Oyez Project. Speakers were Jerry Goldman, inventor and proprietor of the Oyez Project and Professor Paul Baier of the LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center.*

*The Oyez Project is a multimedia archive of the Supreme Court of the United States and its work. The project aims to be a source for all audio recorded in the Court since the installation of a recording system in October 1955. It also provides authoritative information on all justices and offers a virtual reality 'tour' of portions of the Supreme Court building, including some of the justices' chambers.*

### **2010 – 2011 SULC Speakers Series In Progress**

*The 2010-11 Speakers Series opened on September 24, with New York author Gilbert King.*

*King spoke on, "Race, Murder and Capital Punishment in Louisiana, and the Execution of Willie Francis," in A.A. Lenoir Hall. He is author of *The Execution of Willie Francis: Race, Murder, and the Search for Justice in the American South*, published by Basic Books in 2008. His book tells the true story of a 16-year old boy in southwestern Louisiana who survived his own execution in 1946. Willie Francis's case made front-page headlines around the country and came before the U.S. Supreme Court three times after the governor insisted the youth return to the electric chair.*

*King has written for the New York Times, Washington Post, and Playboy. He is currently at work on a book about Thurgood Marshall to be published in 2011 by HarperCollins.*

### **Seminar for Law Students**

*Dr. Sandra Yancy McGuire, Director of the LSU Center for Academic Success, presented "Acing Courses and Law School Examinations: Metacognition is the Key!" in a seminar open to all law students Wednesday, September 22, in A.A. Lenoir Hall.*

*The seminar provided students with information on how to learn in law school with concrete strategies that can be immediately implemented to dramatically improve the chances for success on law school examinations.*

*McGuire is Associate Dean of University College and Adjunct Professor of Chemistry at LSU. She earned a B.S. degree, magna cum laude, from Southern University; an M.A.T. from Cornell University, Ithaca, NY; and her Ph.D. in Chemical Education from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, where she received the Chancellor's Citation for Exceptional Professional Promise.*

*Dr. McGuire presented a teaching workshop to SULC faculty in early September.*

**OFFICE OF ENROLLMENT SERVICES**

*Enrollment Statistics – Fall 2010*

<i>First Year</i>	-	318
<i>Day Division</i>	-	225
<i>Evening Division</i>	-	93
<i>Second Year</i>	-	191
<i>Day Division</i>	-	129
<i>Evening Division</i>	-	62
<i>Third Year</i>	-	177
<i>Day Division</i>	-	157
<i>Evening Division</i>	-	20
<i>Fourth Year</i>	-	36
<i>Day Division</i>	-	33
<i>Evening Division</i>	-	3
<i>Total Enrollment</i>	-	722 ( <i>represents a 20.6% increase from fall 2009</i> )
<i>Day Division</i>	-	544
<i>Evening Division</i>	-	178
<i>Residency:</i>		
<i>Out of State Students</i>	-	29%
<i>In-State Students</i>	-	71%
<i>Ethnicity:</i>		
<i>Blacks</i>	-	57%
<i>Whites</i>	-	35%
<i>Hispanics/Latinos</i>	-	7%
<i>Asians</i>	-	1%

**Information Technology and Support Services**

*Multimedia Recording in Classrooms*

*The addition of the rack-mount Mediasite Recorder is complete. This unit increases our recording flexibility by using the existing cameras in rooms 129, 130 and*

*the Moot Courtroom to facilitate recordings. While a recording is occurring in any of these rooms, the mobile unit is still available to facilitate recording in other rooms. This new system includes multiple camera angles using all existing cameras positioned in the rooms. The Office has been able to record important class presentations, lectures, and special events. These recordings are then uploaded to the server to be viewed by students and faculty.*

*The new system includes enhancements that now allow all recording to be accessible by only users with an SULC login ID. Through the management portal, videos that should be open for public viewing can be set in a matter of minutes. Other enhancements include the ability to have "picture in picture" viewing of the speaker and any digital resources that may be in use during the session. The newly installed editor allows, for the first time, the recordings to be edited precisely as needed instead of simply trimming the edges of the recordings.*

### *Multimedia Systems*

*Several multimedia additions have been made in the Law Center. The completion of the IP Paging System allows for zoned communication in the building. This system is connected to the FirstCall Emergency Alert System. Any emergency alert can now be broadcast throughout the entire Law Center or zoned to particular areas. With the use of any phone, a zoned alert can be made. This feature is beneficial if a particular area does not need the same alert or instructions as another area. Multimedia systems have also been added to both the seminar room and faculty lounge in the new addition. These systems add the capability of projecting computer, video, and audio sources using Crestron connection wall plates and controls.*

*In the Moot Courtroom, the custom lectern has been delivered and all components have been installed. The new lectern matches the existing wood in the room and incorporates the functionalities that are found in each of the multimedia classrooms.*

### **Academic Support Programs and Academic Counseling**

#### *2010 Summer Pre-Law Class Profile:*

*The Pre-Law Class of 2010 continued to raise the bar for diversity. The pre-law enrollment was set at a maximum of 60 participants. However, the overwhelming interest in participating in the summer program increased enrollment to 82. Seventy-nine completed the program. The participants came from a pool of 337, and brought with them LSAT scores as high as 158, while the lowest this year is recorded at 140. More than sixty-four percent were in the LSAT range of 140-145. Less than 10% were in the 152-157 LSAT range. Women comprised of 59% of the class and minority students*

represented more than 78 percent, with .06 self identified as Hispanics and American Indians.

Students qualifying as Louisiana residents constituted more than 65% of the pre-law class, demonstrating the Law Center's ongoing success in attracting many of the state's best and brightest.

#### *Academic Assistance Component*

The Academic Assistance component provided workshops and seminars to first-year students relating to exam-taking strategies and approaches, course outlining, study techniques, and time and stress management.

The testing accommodations disability services component processed 52 disability accommodation applications for the fall 2010 semester and scheduled and proctored 12 final make-up exams for students with accommodations.

#### **Office of Career Counseling**

#### *OCI/OFF CAMPUS REFERRALS*

The Fall 2010 On-Campus Recruitment/Resume Collect program is underway. To date, the following employers are participating in the program:

#### *On-Campus Recruitment Employers*

Adams and Reese, LLP (New Orleans, LA); Baker Donelson Bearman Caldwell & Berkowitz (Birmingham, AL); Blue Williams, LLP (Metairie, LA); Chaffe McCall LLP (New Orleans, LA); Chopin, Wagar, Richard & Kutcher LLP (Metairie, LA); Deutsch Kerrigan & Stiles, LLP (New Orleans, LA); Irwin Fritchie Urquhart and Moore, LLC (New Orleans, LA); Jones Walker LLP (New Orleans, LA); Kean, Miller, Hawthorne, D'Armond, McGowan & Jarman, LLP (Baton Rouge, LA); King Krebs & Jurgens (New Orleans, LA); Laborde & Neuner (Lafayette, LA); Lemle & Kelleher, LLP (New Orleans, LA); Liskow & Lewis (New Orleans, LA); McCranie, Sistrunk, Anzelmo, Hardy, McDaniel & Welch PC (Metairie, LA); McGlinchey Stafford, APLLC (Baton Rouge, LA); Miami-Dade County State Attorney (Miami, FL); Office of Chief Counsel, IRS (Washington, DC); Phelps Dunbar LLP (New Orleans, LA); Taylor, Porter, Brooks, & Phillips, LLP (Baton Rouge, LA); U.S. Air Force, Judge Advocate General's Department (Keesler AFB, MS); and the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General (Worldwide).

#### **Resume Collection Employers**

*Environmental Protection Agency (Washington, DC); Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson LLP (New York, NY); Hall, Estill, Hardwick, Gable, Golden & Nelson, PC (Tulsa, OK); Sidley Austin LLP (New York, NY); and Stone Pigman Walther Wittman LLC (New Orleans, LA).*

### *Job Fair Information*

*The LSBA Minority Job Fair was held at Southern University Law Center on August 21, 2010. Of the 73 students/alumni from the four Louisiana law schools granted interviews, 41 of those students were from SULC.*

*The Sunbelt Minority Recruitment Program was held in Dallas, TX on August 27, 2010. Twenty-four (24) SULC students received interviews and attended the job fair, the most to date.*

*The Southeastern Minority Job Fair (SEMJF) was held in Marietta, GA on Friday and Saturday, July 30-July 31, 2010. Ten (10) SULC students received interviews and attended the job fair.*

### *Programming and Other Activities*

*Fall OCI Orientation was held on August 18, 2010. The session allowed the students in attendance to learn the process of participating in on-campus recruitment and on-campus interviews.*

*Mock Interviews were offered to students preparing for the on-campus interview season. The following attorneys conducted mock interviews:*

*Herbert Brown – SULC  
LaToya Burrell – SULC  
Susan Canavello – Office of the Chief Counsel IRS  
Anna Guerra – Westlaw  
Ruth Hill – SULC  
Tawnii Cooper-Smith – Baker Donelson  
Tavares Walker – Attorney at Law*

*A Day in the Life: Chris Mason of Breazeale Sachse presented a session on Tuesday, September 14 on “a day in the life” of a casualty litigation attorney. Twenty-seven (27) students attended the session.*

*EPA Information Session, September 23. Chrissy Pellegrin of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, presented an information session to students about opportunities with the EPA.*

## **Office of Publications and Electronic Media**

*The staff of the Office of Publications and Electronic Media produced eight publications: three issues of SULC E-News, the Constitution Day Program and Poster, 2010 Speaker Series Posters and Programs with New York author Gilbert King; and SULC Chancellor Circle Invitations.*

*Four news releases were distributed: SULC to Host Joint SULC/LSU Constitution Day Program, September 16; Fall 2010 SULC Faculty Colloquium Opening Changes to September 23; 2010-2011 SULC Speakers Series to Open September 24; and a special to The Advocate, Constitution Day Celebration Offered Look Inside the OYEZ Project.*

*The office provided photography and/or editorial coverage for the Clin Ed Swearing-In Ceremony, August 31; Financial Management Seminar, September 2; Joint SULC/LSU Constitution Day Program, September 16; 2010-2011 Speaker Series featuring New York author Gilbert King, September 24; and Portraits for the Faculty, Staff, Student Bar Association (SBA) Officers and Board Members, September 24.*

## **On the Go**

*Vice Chancellor John Pierre made a presentation at Mississippi State's convening of the National Community Tax Coalition, August 26, at the Knight Non-Profit Center, Gulfport, Mississippi. Pierre's topic was "Path to Financial Independence."*

*Associate Clinical Education Professor Jacqueline A. Nash has been installed as national corresponding secretary of Jack and Hill of America, Inc., the oldest and largest African-American family organization in the country.*

*Other SULC alums recently elected and installed to serve on the seven-member National Executive Board of Jack and Jill of America, Inc. are: Tara Joseph-Labrie, National President; and Tamara Turnley Robinson, National Vice-President.*

*Jack and Jill of America, Inc., seeks to nurture leaders by strengthening children ages 2-10 through chapter programming, community service, legislative advocacy, and philanthropic giving. The organization has a membership of more than 9,500 families.*

## **Alumni News**

*Rev. Tommy Gipson, '86, has been appointed to fill the unexpired term of former Board Member Jay Augustine on the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board. Tarvald Smith, '95, is the new Vice Chairman of the Board.*

*Ted James, '06, Special Counsel to the Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Revenue, has been selected by the NAACP as one of its 2010 "Top 40 Power Players Under 40." James received the honor from the national organization during a reception on September 17 in Washington, D.C., in conjunction with the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation's 40th Annual Legislative Conference.*

## **IN MEMORIUM**

### ***SULC Photographer John H. Williams Dies***

*John H. Williams, longtime contracted photographer for SULC, died Wednesday, September 22, at his home, after a yearlong battle with cancer.*

*Visitation was held from 9 to 10 a.m. Monday, September 27, at St. Joseph's Cathedral, with the Mass at 10 a.m. Burial followed at St. George Catholic Church Mausoleum.*

*He is survived by his wife, Barbara Benton Williams, and one son, John H. Williams, Jr.*

### *Special Problems*

*None*

### *Significant Administrative or Policy Changes*

*None*

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# SU Ag Center Receives Keys to New Satellite Headquarters

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For more than four years now, the Southern University Ag Center's satellite campus in Opelousas has operated in a temporary building. Finally, on September 22, the Southwest Center for Rural Initiatives (Southwest Center) secured a permanent headquarters in Opelousas.

"This is a great day for the Southern University Ag Center. We now have a place where we can officially put up our flag in St. Landry Parish," said Chancellor Williams.

The long journey in search of a building came to a joyful fruition when the keys to the building were presented to officials of the SU Ag Center, Leodrey Williams, Chancellor and Adell Brown Jr., Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration, by Senator Albert Guillory, district 24.

The new Southwest Center headquarters is located on 1209 Diesi Street. It provides service to a 10-parish area.



**L to R: Chancellor Williams, Vice Chancellor Adell Brown, Chief of Staff Mike Dupre, and Senator Albert Guillory.**  
Photo by Chris Rogers

The facility is excellent, needing modification to provide adequate office and parking spaces. Additionally, it has enough room for expansion.

"It has been a long and tedious effort in purchasing the Southwest Center building," said Williams. "Now we have an excellent facility that will serve as a permanent headquarters for the Southwest Center for Rural Initiatives. The Southwest Center serves 10 parishes in the southwest region of our state under the auspices of the SU Ag Center."

A ribbon-cutting ceremony is in the planning stage.

Citizens in 10 parishes surrounding Opelousas are tackling the increasing challenges on families. With poverty as a contributing factor in all these challenges, the Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center has positioned itself to effect change.

Extending the Ag Center's land-grant mission, the center's executive committee, the Southern University System Board of Directors and area lawmakers established the Southwest Center for Rural Initiatives to improve the socioeconomic well-being of citizens in St. Landry, Lafayette, Vermilion, Acadia, St. Martin, Pointe Coupee, Avoyelles, Beauregard, Allen and Evangeline Parishes.

Southern University Urban Forestry program featured in publication

Southern University Urban Forestry graduate student was featured in a Maryland publication, September 21.



Photo by Travis Pratt

Jason Preuett, PhD candidate was featured in a newspaper article in the Frederick Post, Frederick, Maryland. The article indicates that Jason is conducting research on one component of his dissertation research in plant biosecurity.

Drs. Douglas Luster, Research Leader and Tim Widmer, Research Plant Pathologist of the USDA Agricultural Research Service, Foreign Disease Weed Science Research Unit (FDWSR), at Ft. Detrick, a U.S. Army base located in Frederick, MD are collaborating with Dr. Collins on his

USDA NIFA 1890 Capacity Building grants in Global Food Security and Plant Biosecurity.

The article primarily gives an overview of the Global Food Security Research taking place at the ARS FDWSR Unit at Ft. Detrick. "We are collaborating with the FDWSR Lab in screening Gulf Coast Forest species for susceptibility to *Phytophthora ramorum*, an oomycete which is the causal agent of sudden oak death, a new and emerging pathogen of California oak woodlands which poses a threat to woody plants in the US Gulf Coast area and the rest of the nation," said Collins. There is concern that *P. ramorum* could spread to the eastern U.S. on ornamental host plants within the nursery industry. "Information is needed on the susceptibility of forest species in the Gulf coast to the pathogen. This information would aid in focusing forest surveys on species known to be susceptible to *P. ramorum*," Collins added.

Several woody plant species native to the Gulf Coast forest were tested for reaction to *P. ramorum*. The species tested included: Yaupon (*Ilex vomitoria*), Spice Bush (*Lindera benzoin*), Southern Magnolia (*Magnolia grandiflora*), and Eastern baccharis (*Baccharis halmifolia*). This study was conducted at the USDA ARS Biosafety Level 3 containment greenhouse facility at Ft. Detrick, Maryland.

This research is in concert with Collins' component of the Southern University Scott's Bluff Restoration/ USDA NIFA McIntire-Stennis Project.

For full story, please visit: [http://www.fredericknewspost.com/sections/archives/display\\_detail.htm?StoryID=114604](http://www.fredericknewspost.com/sections/archives/display_detail.htm?StoryID=114604)

Dr. Daniel J. Collins is professor in the Southern University Urban Forestry Program, and chairman of Jason's dissertation committee.

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### USDA Awards Grants to 18 Historically Black Colleges and Universities

Southern University was one of the top two universities that captured 12 funded projects and placed fourth in the funding amount of \$2,881,820 in the USDA Capacity Building Grant Program.

On September 9, Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced that 18 Historically Black Colleges and Universities received grants from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to strengthen their research, teaching, and extension capabilities.

Grants totaling more than \$50 million were awarded through the department's National Institute of Food and Agriculture which supports historically Black institutions designated as land-grant universities. This year, the institute awarded \$32,514,064 through the Capacity Building Grants Program and \$18,979,200 through the Facilities Grants Program to the 18 institutions.

"Our Historically Black Land-Grant Universities play a critical role in teaching students to meet

the high quality, innovative research needs that are vital to the wellbeing of our nation's food, fuel and fiber," Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack said during the announcement. "These awards mark a substantial investment in addressing the robust and varied research challenges facing the American agriculture today, but more importantly it is also an investment in our future scientists and engineers, farmers and foresters."

### SU Ag Center Employees Present at National Goat Conference

The first National Goat Conference was hosted by Florida A & M University in Tallahassee, FL, September 12-15. The conference provided relevant educational and research-based information on production, management and marketing of goats. The theme of the conference was "Strengthening the Goat Industry." This theme came alive with the information and learning tools provided.

Several agricultural professionals from the Southern University Ag Center, goat producers from Louisiana and surrounding states traveled to Florida to participate in the conference. Participants gained useful information that will help improve their knowledge base of the goat industry. Curtis Chisley, livestock and meat specialist,

made a presentation on "Goat Car-



Dr. Gebrelul, left, explains point to guest

cass Fabrication and Processing for Ground and Sausage Production." Also, Lisa Gray, research associate; Sebhatur Gebrelul, animal science professor; and Renita Marshall, assistant professor, jointly presented two posters. Dawn Mellion-Patin, extension specialist; Eugene Runles, farm

superintendent; Albert Howard, meat plant manager; and Antonio Harris, research associate were among the SU Ag Center attendees.

More than fifteen 1890 Land-Grant Institutions and government agencies contributed to making the conference a success. Approximately 500 participants, mostly from the Southeastern states were in attendance.

Dr. Mellion-Patin sponsored some producers and agricultural professionals to attend the conference through a USDA grant. Scholarships from Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE) also provided financial support for the event.

## Communities of Color Network Launches Tobacco-Free Church Initiative

The SU Ag Center's Communities of Color Network (CoC) has expanded its reach into another popular venue within the African-American community. CoC has been involved with beauty and barber shops statewide while continuing to implement policies within the communities, specifically the 100% Tobacco-Free Church initiative.

Regional Coordinator Shawntell Lewis-Harrell has visited several beauty and barber shops in Rapides Parish sharing tobacco-free educational materials and resources with constituents. "Tobacco is killing us," commented Gloria Vallery, owner of Simply Gorgeous Beauty and Barber Shop in Alexandria. "Besides church, beauty and barber shops are usually where a lot of people go to socialize. So, this is a great campaign by CoC Network to reach and educate people where they are."

In addition, the Rose of Sharon Baptist Church, under the tutelage of Rev. Larry D. Smith in Alexandria, successfully completed the 100% Tobacco-Free Church initiative on Sunday, August, 22<sup>nd</sup>. Two other faith-based organizations in Central Louisiana that adopted and implemented tobacco-free policies are the Greater St. Reed Fellowship Church under the leadership of Pastor Justin Connor in Ferriday and Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church led by Pastor Phillip

Gallo in Alexandria.

Regional coordinator Frankie Poland began a campaign to spread the message about the dangers of tobacco in the Baton Rouge area by visiting area barber shops and beauty salons. During her visits, she set up informational booths and provided educational materials explaining the effects of tobacco on the body as a whole; the danger of secondhand smoke; cessation and prevention methods. In addition to the booth displays, Poland engaged the patrons in interactive conversations.

Joan Louis, owner of MoHair Beauty Salon, agreed to have a permanent display placed near the entrance of her facility. Royal Brooks, a barber at Cosey's Barber Shop, said he has firsthand experience about the hazards of tobacco use as he had tried for years to get his mother to stop smoking. He was unsuccessful and she finally succumbed to lung cancer. He has since placed a sign in his shop window that reads: "No Smoking in or Around Barber Shop."

By 2020, the World Health Organization expects 10 million people a year to die from smoking throughout the world. However, the SU Ag Center's CoC Network is working to significantly reduce that number, especially within the African-American community.

To join our efforts and help make change happen in your region, please contact director Linda Early Brown at 225-771-4456.



Rev. Smith receives certificate for completing the 100% Tobacco-free Church Initiative from Shawntell, left.



Sign placed by Cosey's barber shop

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### Center for Rural and Small Business Development holds Business Roundtable

On September 25, the staff of the Center for Rural and Small Business Development at Southern University Ag Center sponsored a roundtable at St. Gabriel's Present Truth Prayer Center in Iberville Parish.

The seminar was designed to meet the needs of new and existing small business owners. Topics discussed included: The Basics to Starting a Business; The Legal Aspect of Starting a Business; Marketing a Business; Accounting/Taxes for a Business and Utilizing Computer Technology to Enhance Business Operations. Presenters addressed many of the questions that puzzled business owners.

More than 15 individuals were in attendance to gain knowledge on starting or expanding a business. Attendees moved from table to ta-

ble and asked many questions on various subjects.



Round table inside the Prayer Center



Participants explore mobile tech lab

They were also introduced to QuickBooks, a user-friendly accounting program that serves to diminish many of the fears of record-keeping and general accounting practices. Participants had an opportunity to explore the SU Ag Center's mobile technology laboratory that was stationed directly on the grounds. This workshop brought into focus countless dreams and aspirations of the attendees.

Pastor Randy Smith of Present Truth Prayer Center has extended an open invitation to the Southern University Center for Rural and Small Business Development to use the facility for additional sessions.

### Louisiana Small Farmer Agricultural Leadership Institute Held at SU Ag Center

More than 12 farmers gathered at the SU Ag Center for the Louisiana Small Farmer Agricultural Leadership Institute training on October 2, with the topic focused on marketing.

Dr. Dawn Mellion-Patin, agriculture specialist and institute director, covered the subject of leadership development in which participants learned how to use best thinking approach and apply to their agricultural businesses. Dr. John Westra, associate professor of environmental/production eco-



Dr. Mellion-Patin focuses on value-added products

nomics, LSU Ag-Center, shared information with the group on "Market Maker," a Louisiana Internet based marketing tool hosted by the University of Illinois Cooperative Extension.

Producers can find markets for their commodities anywhere in the country by registering on this tool.

In the strategies for promotion session, Mrs. Zanetta Augustine, research associate, SU Ag Center introduced various tools that can be used to promote and market businesses. Dr. Mellion-Patin also shared information on the components of a marketing plan as well as value-added strategies.

## Back to school summits conclude with resounding success

The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Back-to-School Summit, organized by the Southwest Center for Rural Initiatives culminated in Pointe Coupee Parish on September 10.

This year's event reached more than 2,800 eighth graders in Evangeline, Pointe Coupee, St. Landry, and St. Martin Parishes.

"The summits were indeed a success and we are looking forward to improving each year," said Edna Lastrapes Johnson, associate area agent, youth development and event organizer.

Lawrence Levy, a young gospel rapper from Abbeville Parish, and the newest guest speaker added to the line-up, brought renewed energy to the summit. He joined the returning traditional speakers to help energize the youth who could relate to his message of drug-free living. "I don't have to be failure because I don't have a college degree," said Levy. "I want a job working with youth to keep them from crime with my music."



Youth captivated by guest speaker



Guest speaker Levy signs autographs for youth between sessions.

The Southwest Center for Rural Initiatives, Wanda Burke, director, is the satellite station of the SU Ag Center. Its mission is to improve the socioeconomic wellbeing of citizens in rural communities in the southwest region of the state.



Adell Brown, vice chancellor for finance and administration, SU Ag Center, welcomes students to the last Back to School summit for 2010



Poland, Community of Colors Network, explains the adverse impact of smoking on health to youth at the New Roads Back to School Summit

## SU Ag Center Recognized at Tuskegee University Economic Summit

Eual Hall with the SU Center for Rural and Small Business Development, attended the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Booker T. Washington Economic Development Summit at the Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center, Tuskegee University, September 15-17. The event is presented to uphold one of the university's missions of community outreach and service.

Mr. Hall shared one of the Center's success stories about "Unique Creations" and received an award on behalf of the Center. The summit was power-packed with excellent speakers, presenters and productive concurrent sessions.

Topics focused on revitalizing entrepreneurship and procurement opportunities in small towns and rural communities. The majority of the participants and presenters quickly concurred that most rural communities have the same issues, problems, situations and economic conditions.

Edgar Lewis, Agricultural Economist, USDA Rural Business Cooperative Service and Program Manager for 1890 Entrepreneurial Development Program also received an award for his continued dedication and service to under-served communities.

Also in attendance were several USDA, Rural Development representatives including Ronald Davis, Alabama State Director and Judith Canales, USDA Administrator for Rural Business and Cooperatives Programs. Banquet speaker, Ms. Canales renewed her commitment to work closer with the 1890 HBCUs' steering committee leaderships to build assets, introduce governing policies, programs, research, education as well as state and regional coalition participation.



L-r: Eual Hall, Ntam Baharanyi, and Edgar Lewis, summit participants



Eual Hall, 4th from left, receives award on behalf of the Center for Rural and Small Business Development, SU Ag Center

### The SU Ag Center jumps back on the Louisiana Calf to Carcass wagon

The Louisiana Calf to Carcass Program was started in 1992 under the administration of the LSU Agricultural Center with support from the Louisiana Cattleman's Association, the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, and McNeese State University.

Southern University Ag Center is now getting back on track with the program after being absent from the scene for several years. The calf selection criteria include a minimum of three steers weighing 575 lbs or heavier being delivered to McNeese.

Southern University Ag Center selected eight heifer calves for this program. The source and ages of the animals were verified by Louisiana Cattleman's Association, which included electronic identification devices inserted into each calf. These calves were delivered to McNeese State University in Lake Charles, LA on September 9. The animals remain there for 45 days pre-conditioning period, then transported to Henry C. Hitch Feedyard in Guymon, Oklahoma.

On arrival in Oklahoma feed yard, the cattle are sold, slaughtered, graded, and data are collected on the carcasses. Then the data are sent back to Hitch Feedyard. Hitch Feedyard sends the carcass data back to McNeese for data entry, analysis, and summary.

The checks and data are then sent

out to the owners, institutions, or producers.

The feed out and carcass information provided to producers through this program is educational and makes producers more aware of marketing strategies and management decisions on breeding, genetics, nutrition, and herd health. In addition, valuable marketing information is obtained about the products and ways to add value to the meats.

The exposure to preconditioning and retaining ownership of the calves, plus the educational tour in the spring through Texas and Oklahoma, make the Louisiana Calf to Carcass Program an outstanding educational program for Louisiana cow/calf producers.

The data obtained from this program will be used by the Southern University Ag Center to provide the most valuable up-to-date information on cow/calf production to the constituents we serve.

Renita W. Marshall, DVM, assistant professor, Animal Science, serves as SU Ag Center's project coordinator.



Selected calves from SU Ag Center



The start of journey to McNeese



At McNeeses, initial weight is recorded

### Southern University Ag Center Participates in Statewide Tobacco Initiative

The statewide initiative, “Fresh Campus Student Leadership Development Series” held its kickoff on September 18 at Southern University Ag Center. The Louisiana Campaign for Tobacco-Free Living (TFL) sponsored this event.

The purpose was to provide training for students to take the lead in creating 100% tobacco-free policies on their campuses, also to create a network of students from various institutions to mobilize and fight against the tobacco industry.

Jan Gascoigne, PhD and Olivia Jolly of Inushuk, Inc. Consulting facilitated the training. Linda Hancock, PhD, Virginia Commonwealth University provided training on Social Marketing and Cessation.

A total of 64 students participated in the event. Southern University students in attendance included: Joshua Freeman, Dwain Fuselier, Jocha Gordon, Dileshia Hamilton, Jessica Gauthier, Marcus Hooper, Evan King, Michael Mallery, Keonna LeBlanc, Brandon Prince, Jarrod Smith, Lashonda Walker, Marcus Walker, Cedric Ware, Dorian Williams and Langston Williams.

Other colleges and universities included: Dillard University, Loyola University, Our Lady of the Lake College, Southern University Ag Center, Nicholls State University, LSU-Eunice, SOWELA Technical Community College, LSU-Alexandria, Northwestern State University, LSU-Shreveport, Grambling State University, and Southeastern Louisiana University.

From the Southern University Ag Center, Linda Early Brown, Fatemeh Malekian and Frankie Poland coordinated the SU Baton Rouge students to represent the Fresh Campus efforts, and to join forces as leaders on campus. Monique Elwood and April Cabrera were the coordinators from TFL.

For additional information concerning Fresh Campus statewide, contact Monique Brown at [mbrown@lphi.org](mailto:mbrown@lphi.org).

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Cross sections of Fresh Campus audience



Coordinating team sets up for registration

### SU Urban Forestry works to beautify, keep crime down along Scenic Highway

Wildflowers bloom across Scenic Highway as ExxonMobil collaborates with Southern University Urban Forestry program and others in the community to beautify and keep crime down around the neighborhood. Urban Forestry graduate student Christina Henderson designed the project.

The wildflower meadows are the work of ExxonMobil employees headed by David Gaines, a chemical engineer at ExxonMobil for 29 years before taking the job of corporate real estate manager seven years ago. Crime around the refinery prompted what ExxonMobil now calls “the green belt.”

Southern University urban forestry students and faculty, ExxonMobil, Baton Rouge Green, Boy Scout Troop 391 at Mount Pilgrim Baptist Church, Louisiana Landscaping Co. and C.J. Brown Realtors collaborate on beautification projects. One of such projects is turning a former doctor’s office at Scenic Highway by Shelley Street into the ExxonMobil Learning Center.

ExxonMobil bought the building from Turner Industries, Gaines said. The building and surrounding land will become classrooms,

an urban arboretum and trails that introduce city children to nature. So far, Southern University urban forestry students have planted more than 50 trees on the land surrounding the building.

Wildflower seed mix was planted on the ExxonMobil land in 2008. This spring, the wildflower meadows bloomed after reseeding themselves. The seed mix is meant to provide wildflowers blooming from mid-March through October.

“We have a lot of sites, and they just sit there barren. It’s good to do something that benefits wildlife. We’re part of this community,” Gaines said. “We work here and live here.”

The lead scientist on the project from Southern University is Dr. Andra Johnson, associate professor, urban forestry, assisted by Allison Johnson, USDA liaison officer.

The project was featured in the *Advocate* under the title of “Wild things.” To read details of the article, please visit the *Advocate* at: <http://www.2theadvocate.com/features/95739809.html?showAll=y&c=y>



Wild flowers garden



Dr. Johnson describes the long-leaf pine



Bird houses situated in the garden

## Faculty and staff activities

### Communities of Color Network Clears the Smoke Statewide

The SU Ag Center's Communities of Color Network (CoC) is clearing the smoke statewide. Regional Coordinator **Shirley Simon** gave a presentation on "second-hand smoke" at a local New Orleans health clinic. Emphasis was placed on the consequences of second-hand smoke and its damaging impact on families. Visual displays were utilized to emphasize the impact that smokeless tobacco has on the body.

The Southern University Association for Women Students in Baton Rouge held a series of lectures

where Communities of Color Network participated as a collaborating partner. The highlight of the week featured a guest speaker, best-selling author and activist, Sister Souljah.

During those activities, CoC Network regional coordinator **Frankie Poland** provided an informational tabletop for participants featuring the dangers of tobacco use and the effects of second-hand smoke, especially on infants.

**Urina F. Holt**, the CoC regional coordinator for the Shreveport area, reached out to faculty, staff, and students of Southern University Shreveport and Arcadia Middle and High Schools concerning effects of smoking, second-hand smoke, and smoke-less tobacco. Holt was instrumental in influencing smokers to make a pact to eradicate smoking from their lives by committing to smoking half of their normal intake with hopes of complete cessation in the near future.

**Paula L. Jordan** joined forces with the Southwest Center for Rural Initiatives during the Back to School Summits held in St. Martin and Point Coupee Parishes. Jordan set up an informational booth highlighting the harmful chemicals found in tobacco smoke. Students at these summits expressed their interest in knowing more about the chemicals found in tobacco smoke and the phenomenal addictive behaviors relating to tobacco products.

The week of September 20 - 26th was known as "Turn It Off" Week in Central Louisiana. Communities, organizations, and schools conducted activities to promote

healthy activities away from computers, video games, iPods, and cell phones. Marksville Elementary School in Avoyelles Parish welcomed more than one hundred attendees to "Game Night." In support of this initiative, Regional Coordinator **Shawntell Lewis-Harrell** displayed visuals illustrating the negative impact tobacco use has on the body, as well as, the dangers of second-hand smoke.

Harrell was invited to conduct a tobacco educational workshop for the Rapides Parish inmates in order to expose the negative impact that tobacco has on their bodies,

their communities, and their families. In addition to discussing the health impact, Harrell mentioned Louisiana's smoking laws, industry tactics and marketing strategies to further persuade tobacco-free lifestyles. As a means of enhancing her presentation, Harrell utilized various visuals such as the Tobacco Institute Wall of Shame, Mr. Gross Mouth, a cardboard cigarette, and consequences of second-hand smoke to demonstrate the dangers of this major public health threat.

## Faculty and staff activities contd.

### SU Ag Center Participates in Turner Chapel A.M.E. Church Health Fair

On Sunday September 19, Turner Chapel hosted its first Health Fair with the theme "Spiritually Healthy." Support came from many health organizations, with services provided by a team of doctors and nurses from Lallie Kemp Regional Medical Center of Independence, Southeast Medical Center, and St. Helena Parish Health Unit. The LSU and SU Ag Centers were also present at the fair.

The joint SU and LSU Ag Center team showed adults and children the proper techniques of hand-washing, using a UV light and

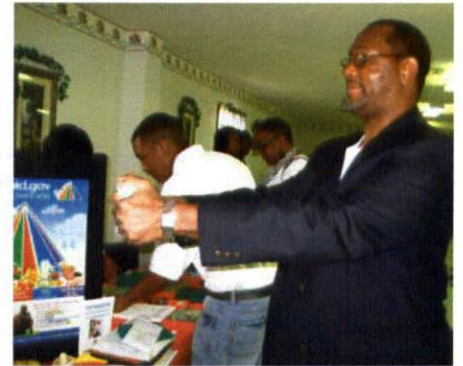
glow germs to detect germs on participants' hands.



Volunteer Cynthia Myles explains eating habits

They were encouraged to wash their hands for twenty seconds while singing the birthday song, and using hot or warm water

with antibacterial soap. They were also encouraged to use a paper towel to turn off the water after proper hand-washing. This booth was taught by youth and one adult volunteer.



Leroy Crier has his BMI measured

**Mila Berhane**, SU Ag Center senior research associate, planted fall vegetables including broccoli, turnips, mustard, and cabbage in a community garden for the Men's Club in Zachary, September 14. The club plans to distribute the vegetables to the needy through the Food Pantry. The Garden is located on Rollins Lane at the Zachary Community center. Some of the seedlings were raised at the SU Ag Center greenhouses and other vegetables were planted directly from seeds.

She also helped plant some fall crops at the Lighthouse Mission Community Garden in Opelousas. The seeds were provided by the SU Ag Center and the seedlings were raised on site by the men's shelter residents.

Berhane presented a seminar entitled "Edible Landscapes" to the Central Gardening Club on September 21 with 34 participants.



Fall vegetable garden at Men's Club in Zachary



"Edible Landscapes" seminar attendees

## Faculty and staff activities contd.

### SU Ag Center teaches business skills at Elayn Hunt Correctional Center for Men

On September 10, staff members of the Center for Rural and Small Business Development visited Elayn Hunt Correctional Center for Men in St. Gabriel to discuss the principles of “How to start or expand a Business” with inmates who are preparing to be released back into society.

More than 120 inmates were engaged in this activity. A number of them expressed concerns about their upcoming release on parole and the prospect of searching for jobs in an austere economy as convicted felons. They realize the awesome task before them. However, they are eager to return to their families. They see small business ownership as an alternative to job-hunting. The inmates

listened intently and were receptive to ideas that will strengthen their ability to compete in a global economy after long incarceration periods. The ultimate goal is to try and build better people who will be good citizens and lead productive lives.

**Sarah Sims**, Extension Aide, coordinated “Character Education” training during the Madison Parish In-service Advisory Strategic Planning meeting. Approximately 55 faculty received useful information.

She also participated in the “Back-To-School Bash.” Approximately 500 participants, including youth and parents, attended the three-day community resource event.

Sims organized the Tallulah Estate Community Grand Opening for a new housing community. The event attracted more than 60 families.

Also, Sims conducted 12 nutrition training sessions discussing “Super Foods” and featuring blueberries; and “Parenting for Success” classes that trained 16 participants. A parenting graduation ceremony was held.

Sims conducted a Character Education Training/workshop at Madison Middle Jr. High School featuring manners, and

self esteem. Approximately 475 students participated. The school gardening project is on-going.



Sims, right at character education session



Sims, left, with Parenting class participants



In-service training



Summer garden

## Faculty and staff activities contd.

### Sewing with pillowcases made easy for grandmothers

Simple sewing classes were held in August and September at the Martin Luther King Center, Bossier Parish. **Katherine Ervin**, SU Ag Center parent educator instructed the group on how to make a simple toddler's dress by using a standard pillowcase or other fabrics. These adorable handmade dresses may be worn for any occasion, including holidays.



Sewing class

After taking the classes, Mrs. Earline Ward, grandmother of two sets of twins, made a total of six dresses for the twins using fabric costing less than eight dollars. Mrs. Betty Cooks was able to get two simple toddler dresses from one pillowcase costing less than five dollars for her granddaughters. This easy project was a big hit with the members of the group.

Many parents, grandparents, and individuals look for new ideas to help stretch the family dollar and sewing is a great way to save money. Also, through group interaction, members are able to share ideas and experiences in response to the demands on being a parent or caregiver.

Ms. Ervin plans to continue her partnership through the South-

ern University Ag Center with local agencies, churches, civic groups, and leaders in the community to teach and assist with the challenges of present day parenting.



Mrs. Earline Ward show off her product

### Ciggy Butts on the move with tobacco-free message

The Communities of Color Network is spreading a tobacco-free message to youth with help from a friend, "Mr. Ciggy Butts." Ciggy Butts became a part of the Communities of Color Network in July 2010.

He began his statewide travels in Baton Rouge, at the Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center's Family and Youth Expo. Since then, he has traveled throughout South-

west Louisiana with Regional Coordinator Paula Jordan. While on his journey, Ciggy Butts used his friendly appearance to remind youth that the tobacco companies use symbols, language, pictures and flavorings to trick them into thinking that tobacco products are not harmful.

He also tells youth about the over 4,000 dangerous chemicals found in tobacco smoke and the dangers of second-hand smoke expo-

sure. Ciggy will continue his statewide travel with his tobacco-free message.



Ciggy butts fights tobacco smoke

## Faculty and staff activities contd.

### SU Ag Center holds health literacy workshop for foster grandparents

Assistant area agent **Patricia Lee** shared health literacy information with the foster grandparents in Caddo Parish on August 13. The title of the program was "Can You Repeat That Please?" Here, clients received information on how to get the most from their doctor visits, making sure that all their concerns are addressed while in the doctor's office. The program also taught participants how to develop a list of good questions to ask their doctors concerning their health.

Upon completing the workshop, each participant received a Personal Health History Journal in which to record personal information such as allergies; emergency contacts; insurance information; health and family history; prescriptions, over the counter medi-

cation; attending physician's name; addresses; numbers; attending specialist and other relevant information. The Journal also contained a legal section, to ensure that the foster grandparents were informed of their patients' rights. There was a total of 65 foster grandparents in attendance.



Lec, center, addresses foster grandparents



Foster grandparents workshop

### 4-H volunteers attend area leadership training in Gonzales

Southern University Ag Center and LSU 4-H Youth Development volunteers attended the area leadership training in Gonzales with the theme of "Building a Championship 4-H Program."

Topics of discussion included: Fundraising is a Brees, A Playbook to Success, 1<sup>st</sup> Year Volunteer, A Playbook of 4-H Opportunities, How to be a team player, the Home Stretch-Road Runner Sessions and a scavenger hunt. This was a great opportu-

nity for volunteer experiential learning.

All participants were asked to represent their favorite teams. St. Helena Parish represented SU, LSU and the Saints football teams. Youth agent Angela Myles organized the St. Helena Parish leadership training group.



SU and LSU 4-H youth development volunteers

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*Upcoming Events*

Date	Event	Location	Contact
October 14	Small Farmer Agricultural Leadership Institute training	South Carolina State University	Dawn Mellion-Patin 771-2242 or dawn_mellion@suagcenter.com
November 6	Louisiana Small Farmer Agricultural Leadership Institute	Alexandria, LA	Dawn Mellion-Patin 771-2242 or dawn_mellion@suagcenter.com
November 9-10	Plant Biosecurity Symposium	SU Ag Center, Baton Rouge	Daniel Collins 225-771-2242 x 268



## Chancellor's Monthly Report

Southern University at New Orleans hosted a welcome reception in honor of System President Ronald Mason on September 28th at English Turn Country Club.

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**September**  
**2010**



L-r; President Ronald Mason, (wife) Belinda DeCuir, Dr. Fawn Ukpolo, Chancellor, Victor Ukpolo

Our QEP Task Force has been meeting on a consistent basis to ensure that SUNO puts its best foot forward in the accreditation process with our topic, *E-Focused! Enhancing Student Learning in Online Courses by Improving Institutional Readiness*.



In an extremely beneficial QEP Town Hall Meeting on September 21st, we were informed by our SACS consultant, Dr. Myrtis Green, that it is of the utmost importance that everyone on campus, employees and students alike, be familiar with what

**QEP is and what the topic entails.** Please familiarize yourself with QEP and our topic by going to [www.SUNO.edu](http://www.SUNO.edu) and clicking the QEP icon on the home page.

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### College of Arts and Sciences:

**Dr. Henry E. Mokosso, Dean** I convened a meeting of the College to discuss the Retention, Tenure, and Promotion processes ---The Levels of Review, Departments, The College, The Dean, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and the Chancellor. Also discussed was the limit of five years consideration for publications submitted for consideration. Chair of Departmental committee submits evaluations and recommendations to Departmental Chair by October 15; Chair of College Committee submits documents to the Dean by November 15, and the Dean to the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs by December 8.

Dr. Mokosso served as member of the Search Committee for the positions of Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, and Dean of the Graduate School, and also participated in QEP Task Force deliberations.

The Departments and Programs of Study, namely Arts and Humanities, Social Sciences, Natural Sciences, General Studies, Health Information Management Systems, and Graduate Museum Studies made remarkable achievements in their disciplines during the past month. For example, Dr. Illya Tietzel won over \$300,000 in grants writing from both NASA and NSF. Other faculty participated in various activities of SACS, Scholarship and Service, all of which are reported in the specific departmental reports.

### Department of Arts and Humanities – September, 2010

#### Dr. Sudipta Das, Chair

Dr. Lora Helvie-Mason published a paper titled, Instructional identity: The journey to the online public speaking course. *Louisiana Communication Journal*, 12, 94-107 (September 2010).

Sa'Id Jordan, Evangelyn Webster, Langston Terrel and Quintin Garrus, all SUNO Communication Club members, presented at the Louisiana Communication Association's annual conference on Saturday September 25<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Helvie-Mason, faculty advisor of the club, spoke on two panels at the same conference.

The SUNO Communication Club participated in the NO/AIDS Walk on September 12<sup>th</sup> in Audubon Park raising over \$100 for AIDS awareness and research. It is the second year the club has participated in the NO/AIDS Walk.

Dr. Lora Helvie-Mason served as a reviewer for the Southern States Communication Association.

### Department of Natural Science – Dr. Mostafa Elaasar, Chair

Dr. Joe Omojola, Ms. Phyllis Okwan, and Dr. Murty S. Kambhampati submitted a Gulf Coast Inter-institutional Collaborative/Alliance DoD grant (\$5million; 2010-2015).

Dr. Kambhampati has successfully completed his summer research along with his six mentees at Brookhaven National Laboratory (BNL).

Dr. Kambhampati, Ms. Jerilyn St. Cyr, Ms. Dominique Townsend, Ms. Natasha Robateau, Mr. Herman Mackey, Ms. Selam Workeneh, and Ms. Dorcas Falodun have presented their summer research

project posters at BNL Summer Research Conference (August 12-13, 2010).

#### **Dr. Illya Tietzel:**

In August, Dr. Tietzel as Principal Investigator was awarded a \$181,385 research grant from the National Science Foundation entitled: "RAPID: Oil spills and (evolutionary) changes in intestinal microbiota of fish." This creative scientific research will allow SUNO students to receive cutting edge scientific education and use science to constructively impact the current socio-economic crisis of Louisiana caused by the Deepwater Horizon oil spill. The award number is MCB-1051237; it is effective August 15, 2010 and expires July 31, 2011.

Dr. Tietzel was awarded as Principal Investigator a NSF mentoring award in the amount of \$173,978 titled "Collaborative Research: URM: UNO/SUNO Partnership in Mentoring Undergraduates in the Biological Sciences, ". The award number is Award No. DBI-1040966. This award is effective September 1, 2010 and expires August 31, 2014. This award is linked to a collaborative award at UNO, proposal number 1040996.

Dr. Tietzel accepted and successfully completed an invitation as ad hoc reviewer of a chlamydia research article of the international peer reviewed journal Public Library of Science ONE (PLoS ONE eISSN-1932-6203), based on his expertise in chlamydial microbiology, macrophage immunology and molecular biology. PLoS ONE reviews research from all disciplines of science and the area of medicine. PLoS ONE is in-

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dexed by international databases such as PubMed, MEDLINE, Scopus, Web of Science, the Chemical Abstracts Service (CAS), EMBASE, AGRICOLA, PsycINFO, Zoological Records, and FSTA (Food Science and Technology Abstracts).

Drs. Kim (Math) and Tietzel (Biology) applied for a QEM / HBCU-UP Workshop on the Integration of Mathematics into Lower Division Science courses, competing with all HBCUs of the USA. Drs. Kim (Math) and Tietzel (Biology) applications were accepted and they were invited to participate at this workshop in Memphis, TN on October 1-2, 2010 at the Westin Memphis Beale Street Hotel.

Miss Chauna Modica, a Biology major, recently graduated from SUNO, was admitted to the School of Pharmacy at Xavier University at New Orleans and thanked Dr. Tietzel for his efforts, e.g. writing of letters of recommendation, contributing to this success.

Miss Demetria Henry, a Biology major graduate of 2010, was admitted to the Bioscience Education Training (BET) program at LSU Health Science Center, New Orleans. Ms. Henry thanked Dr. Tietzel for informing her about this program and his efforts such as writing recommendation letter (s). It has to be mentioned that the director of the BET program, Dr. Jeffrey Hobden, was graciously accepting an invitation by Dr. Tietzel in 2009 to present the BET program at department of Natural Sciences at SUNO. Another recent Biology graduate, Miss Chauntelle Maneux was also accepted into this program.

Dr. Tietzel is continuing to conduct research at the LSU Health

Science Center about his own research project studying the role of alternatively activated macrophages in chlamydial pathogenesis.

### Natural Sciences –

#### **Dr. Mostafa Elaasar**

Published: Probing Quark-Gluon Interactions with Transverse Polarized Scattering, Phys Rev. Lett. 105, 101601 (2010).

Attended the "Strategic Planning Retreat: Planning For The Future of SUNO", Friday, September 15, 2010, 8:00 am - 4:30 pm

#### **Dr. Illya Tietzel**

On September 2, 2010, Dr. Tietzel attended the "Sub-Sea and Sub-Surface Oil and Dispersant Detection Sampling and Monitoring Strategy" conference of Unified Command, Federal Agencies and Academic Partners Meeting at Tulane University.

Undergraduate students and Dr. Tietzel presented research at the regional LaSPACE conference at Dillard University September 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, 2010. These presentations are based on the NASA LaSPACE grant of Dr. Tietzel received. Abstract Title: The Effects of Gravitational Changes on Transposons in Eukaryotes. Presenters: Theophilus Edovia and Illya Tietzel, Abstract Title: How Predator Prey Mathematical Modeling is used to Describe the Dynamic Behavior of Transposons Exposed to Changes in Gravity. Presenters: Ashlea White and Illya Tietzel,

Two other undergraduate students, Mr. Darrell Hayward and Mr. Gawain Kiffin, conducted field research on September 10<sup>th</sup> related to the NSF Gulf Oil Spill grant of Dr. Tietzel. For that purpose, stu-

dents and Dr. Tietzel were using a boat and trawl net to catch fish at LUMCON. The research is investigating whether oil microbes are starting to live inside the fish.

Dr. Tietzel attended the QEP townhouse meeting that was held at SUNO September 21, 2010 at 9 am. This activity is related to the SACS accreditation of SUNO.

Dr. Tietzel has received a paid invitation to a QEM workshop about integration of mathematics into lower division science courses at HBCUs. He departed on September 30, 2010 to the conference in Memphis, TN.

#### **Dr. Murty Kambhampati**

Participated in the 11th Annual Minority Access, Inc., Role Model Award Conference in Las Vegas (September 11-12, 2010). One of my mentees, Ms. Dorcas Falodun received Student Role Model Award along with Ms. Brandi Adams of Mathematics (Dr. Joe Omojola, Mentor). At the same time, our Chancellor Dr. Victor Ukpolo received 2010 Administrator Role Model Award.

Presented research project at the 7th Annual International Symposium on Recent Advances in Environmental Health Research, Jackson, MS (September 12-15, 2010).

Received several certificates from the Chancellor, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, and the Director, Office of Grants for submitted proposals, funded grants, SUNO's Million Dollar Club Member, etc. in recognition of grant writing activities of 2009-2010.

### Museum Studies – Dr.

#### **Sara J. Hollis, Director**

M.A. Museum Studies has had a very active month in terms of activities and events. Dr. Sara

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Hollis, Director of the M.A. Museum Studies Program, wrote the cover story for the September issue of *The New Orleans Tribune* entitled: "Who is Gustave Blache, III", covering his life, career and upcoming exhibition of paintings documenting historic Dooky Chase Restaurant at La Musee on Esplanade in November.

Dr. Hollis recruits for the program on a regular basis at arts and cultural events. In September she attended events with fellow faculty members and students and also represented the program at: Le-Boulevard Marketplace, the weekly art exhibitions at the J.W. Marriott, the Wednesday evening events at the New Orleans Museum of Art, the Opening Reception of three exhibitions at the New Orleans African American Museum of Art, Culture and History on N. Villere, openings at the McKenna Museum on Carondelet, and NOMA. She represented Museum Studies at the Friday Retreat on Strategic Planning at the Best Western in New Orleans East. She continues to serve on the Strategic Planning Committee, the Dean's Council (as Director of MUSE), the QEP Task Force, and the QEP subcommittee on Faculty Training and Outcomes. She has recently been appointed to be the Faculty Liaison for the Udall Scholarship. Dr. Hollis and Dr. Jiang have been asked by the System Office to apply for a Grant to link M.A. Museum Studies with the SUS Museum in Shreveport. They are already working on this.

In addition to teaching, advising students, and conducting

research, on September 1 (2 to 3:15PM), Dr. Yu Jiang and Dr. Muller-Schwarze discussed forming guidelines on Museum Studies graduation thesis or project. At this meeting, Dr. Jiang also gave Dr. Muller-Schwarze sample guidelines from other schools. A major achievement was made at the meeting on the part of thesis or catalogue introduction, which should include an outline of the chosen topic, the importance of the topic, literature review on previous scholarship on the topic, possible thesis or project statement, and agenda. Another issue is the methods and/or approaches part, which should list the research (clinical or desk research) and/or approaches utilized by the student, depending on which discipline the student mainly focuses on. Since the retention and/or promotion packages for both faculty members were due to Dr. Sara Hollis, Director of the Museum Studies very soon (September 7, 2010), it was agreed upon that the two would renew discussions and begin drafting proposals on the guidelines after the submission of our respective dossiers.

On September 11, Dr. Jiang and Dr. Muller-Schwarze went to the luncheon hosted by Dr. Hollis, for all Museum Studies Program faculty and students. This was a great opportunity for faculty and students to interact, socialize, and to form a tight scholarly community, so that ideas can be exchanged, and information can be shared. This is particularly important, given that many online students who normally do not come to campus who also came and met

with their classmates. On September 13 (2-3PM), Dr. Jiang, Dr. Hollis, and Dr. Muller-Schwarze attended the College of Arts and Sciences meeting, which discussed the procedures for retention and promotion review at the departmental and college level.

On September 14 (3-3:30PM), Dr. Jiang joined in the Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Search Committee, chaired by Dr. Frank Martin. At this committee meeting, Dr. Jiang, with other members, examined the criteria of determining the strength of candidates for the position.

On September 14 (3:30-4:30PM), Dr. Jiang participated in the Faculty Senate meeting. Dr. Jiang, as Secretary of the Senate, took notes on the contact information of the Executive Committee. Various activities followed, particularly involving informing the members of the Executive Committee about the coming meeting on Tuesday September 21 and reserving the meeting place. Subsequently, Dr. Jiang took minutes for the Executive Committee meeting on Tuesday, including the agenda of the meeting, such as unresolved 2009-2010 faculty issues, issues facing the faculty and staff at present, and the next meeting. The Executive Committee decided that the next Faculty meeting will be Tuesday October 12, 2010 at 3PM.

On September 22, Dr. Hollis, Dr. Jiang, and Dr. Muller-Schwarze met students in their classes at the New Orleans Museum of Art University Night, with keynote speaker Ms. Susan Taylor, who just

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started her appointment as the new Director of this museum on September 1. This was a wonderful occasion when students from the M.A. Museum Studies Program also socialized with their colleagues from Delgado Community College, University of New Orleans, Tulane University, Dillard University and Xavier University. It was also an occasion when Museum Studies students talked to the curators of the New Orleans Museum of Art.

On Monday September 27 (2-3PM), Dr. Jiang met with Mr. Hendrix Broussard on campus, who wants to apply for the Museum Studies Program and inquired about transferring credits from his MA relations courses. Mr. Broussard has a BA in animal science from Southern University at Baton Rouge and a MA in public relations from Louisiana State University. Dr. Jiang welcomed this potential student and suggested his enormous community service experience will be a huge asset to the Museum Studies Program, if he comes. And Mr. Broussard could also add publicity to the Program as well. Dr. Jiang also told him that part of his education on program evaluation could be translated into Museum Education, but he would still have to work hard to make up the rest of museum studies components for that course.

On Tuesday September 28, Dr. Jiang joined in the Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Search Committee in interviewing one of the candidates. Again, on Thursday September 30, Dr. Jiang and the rest of the committee members interviewed two more candidates in the morning and after-

noon. On Wednesday September 29, Dr. Jiang, Dr. Hollis and several M.A. Museum Studies students attended the New Orleans Museum of Art's opening ceremony for the photograph exhibition, "Residents and Visitors: Twentieth-Century Photographs of Louisiana."

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Dr. Muller-Schwarze has installed an exhibition of examples of vegetation from Panama that she had donated to Tulane in the Southern Food and Beverage Museum. A conference of Words and Food is being held at the Museum Sept. 30-Oct.2. Dr. Muller-Schwarze's students will be presenting on a panel on Sunday morning at the Conference.

### General Studies – Dr. Mary R. Vaughn, Director Program Operation & Enhancement Activities:

#### **Staff Meetings**

There were several staff meetings held during the month of September to review institutional data and to discuss new procedures with the staff that

would be required to complete the 2009-10 accreditation cycle and collection of data required for the 2010-11 Accreditation Cycle report. Other activities to be reported during the month include the following:

### General Studies Program and SACS Institutional Certification Activities

The General Studies Program SACS cycle assessment report for 2009-10 is completed and is being assembled for transmittal to Academic Affairs.

The GSP staff is retrieving system data for review of the English 112 student enrollment. A report will be generated for the Fall, 2010 term for the 2010-2011 cycle to be included in the end of the academic year accreditation report. Discussion of the data will be conducted during the October GSP Advisory Council to review proposed strategies for reducing student learning outcome failure rates in Political Science 110 and English 112.

The GSP staff is retrieving data from the courses identified as the Secondary SLO's for all majors enrolled in the respective courses during the Fall, 2010 semester. This process has been adopted to assure positive progression of GSP majors through the program. Identification of "trouble" or "barrier" courses will be identified as well as, students' failure to enroll in appropriate sequence courses. A report will be generated for discussion with the Dean, GSP Advisory Council and the appropriate department heads for political science and English courses as a follow-up to the August meeting and to re-establish intervention and/or establish more successful corrective measures as appropriate. Dr. Vaughn received a report from Dr. Das that was prepared

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by Dr. Mims that indicated that students were inadvertently placed in the English 111 without pre-enrollment in the remedial courses consistent with their ACT scores. In addition, students were allowed to remain in the courses by the English faculty although they were to send them to the English chair or Enrollment Services to be enrolled in the proper prerequisite courses.

Dr. Vaughn held a conference call with the Executive Director of the Tulane Service-Learning to discuss the SUNO faculty training seminar. A proposal was forwarded for consideration for a training seminar date to be determined for the Fall or Spring semesters.

Dr. Vaughn is to attend a follow-up meeting with Health Information Management Systems chair to determine future program collaborations with certificates, associate degree program options, and accelerated programming, September 29, 2010.

### Program Development

The staff was requested to provide additional input for the new Arts and Sciences building that will house the General Studies Program. The Director presented the staff building plan recommendations at the meeting with the SUNO architects and the administration.

### Staff Activities

#### Dr. Mary R. Vaughn

QEP Task Force Meetings  
QEP Publicity & Marketing Sub-Committee Meetings  
Served as Substitute Chair for University Grievance Committee Hearing

#### Ms. Marina Dumas-Haynes,

#### Academic Counselor (Faculty)

Appointed as the Vice-

President-Elect Faculty Senate

### College of Business:

#### Dr. Igwe Udeh, Dean

#### Report on Major College of Business Activities:

#### Accreditation:

CBA hosted its AACSB Mentor, Dr. Mo Sarhan, Dean, College of Business, Savannah State University, Savannah, GA from September 15-17, 2010. The meeting was an opportunity for the mentor to review the progress CBA has made since its last Progress Report (January 2010) and to advise the Dean, Chairs, faculty, staff, and university administration on strategies for achieving outstanding goals.

CBA hosted two Student Assemblies for its majors on Tuesday, September 28, 2010 at 11:00 AM and 6:00 PM to share the latest developments in the college, including AACSB and SACS accreditation initiatives (especially Assurance of Learning and QEP topics); college survival tips; and emerging state and federal education regulations. The Dean and Department Chairs used the opportunity to field questions on various issues of concern from the 205 students that attended both sessions.

Structural work is ongoing for the new College of Business & Public Administration Building as of September 30, 2010 at SUNO's Lake Campus. The contract for the Building was awarded to Stallings Construction Co (Mike Stallings, President) on February 4, 2010, at a cost of \$3,365,400. Ground was broken on March 24, 2010. The building is to be

completed by summer 2011.

### Journal Publication

Mancuso, Louis C., Alijani, Ghasem S., Kwun, Obyung, Smith, Larry D. *Successful Outcomes of Teaching Minority Undergraduate Students Entrepreneurial Business Planning concepts Using Andragogy and Service Learning*, Allied Academies International Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana, April 8-10, 2009. {Published in Proceedings and won the Distinguished Research Award. Published in the Journal of Entrepreneurship Education, Volume 13, 2010, pp. 37-44.

### Paper Accepted for Presentation

David Alijani, Steve Welsh, Obyung Kwun, Janelle Spurlock, "Design and Implementation of a Simple Tax Process for Small Businesses" International Academy of Business & Public Administration Disciplines, New Orleans, LA October 21-24, 2010.

Frank Martin and Marjorie Fax, "Is It A Recession Yet?" International Academy of Business & Public Administration Disciplines, New Orleans, LA October 21-24, 2010.

Adnan Omar and Daff Kalulu, "Enhanced Instruction: The Future of E-Learning" International Academy of Business & Public Administration Disciplines, New Orleans, LA October 21-24, 2010.

Muhammed Miah, "Designing A product to Maximize Visibility" International Academy of Business & Public Admini-

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stration Disciplines, New Orleans, LA October 21-24, 2010.

Simeon Okpechi and Rachid Belmosrou, "*The Effects of Disaster on Annual Budgetary Allocations in Louisiana: Evidence from the Department of Social Services*" International Academy of Business & Public Administration Disciplines, New Orleans, LA October 21-24, 2010.

Dayanad Thangada, "*Analysis of Small Business Impact in the State of Louisiana after Katrina*" International Academy of Business & Public Administration Disciplines, New Orleans, LA October 21-24, 2010.

Igwe E. Udeh, "*Wills and Succession Planning Myths: Perceptions of an African American Group*" International Academy of Business & Public Administration Disciplines, New Orleans, LA October 21-24, 2010.

Amaresh Das and Abdul Mian, "*Optimization of A Financial Portfolio – TL One Stock, One Bond Case*" International Academy of Business & Public Administration Disciplines, New Orleans, LA October 21-24, 2010.

### Professional Outreach to Students & Community:

Dr. Igwe Udeh, Dean, CBA and Dr. Frank Martin, Chair, ENTR Department, were interviewed by Andrew Larimer, anchor of Launch-PadTV (LPTV) on Friday, September 24, 2010. Topics discussed included the content and significance of the Business Entrepreneurship

program in the revitalization of the New Orleans economy; achievements of recent graduates; vision for the future; and areas of collaboration. LPTV is a weekly webcast of Launch-PadNOLA, a New Orleans-based business support and economic development agency.

Dr. Louis C. Mancuso, Professor of Business Entrepreneurship, along with four Business Entrepreneurship students, attended and assisted the Small Business/Subcontractors Outreach Event for the Permanent Canal Closure & Pumps Project, Louisiana Canal Constructors, LLC. The event which brought together over 30 business entrepreneurs and company representatives was held at the SUNO Auditorium (September 23, 2010).

Dr. James Pittman and Dr. Biruk Alemayehu, chair and faculty, respectively, in the Public Administration Department, prepared and disseminated letters (dated September 27, 2010) to Human Resource Directors of the City of New Orleans, Baton Rouge, Hammond, Ponchatoula, Kenner, Metairie, Gretna, Harvey, Mandeville, Slidell and Parish Board Presidents in Orleans, Jefferson, St. Tammy, St. John, and Tangipahoa, to recruit, their employees into SUNO's PADM Program.

### Office of Student Services

Presented a power point presentation to CBA faculty profiling the 2006-2009 cohorts, including retention/graduation rates, and age/racial distribution for CBA students

Developed graduation plan for all enrolled cohort students and met with student individually to discuss plan

Audited records of entire CBA senior class to determine readiness for graduation

Met with each student individually and prepared graduation applications for ninety-six (96) candidates

Worked to recover 2 suspended students from the 2006 cohort who are now back on track to graduate, Spring 2011 and Spring 2012, respectively

Worked to resolve suspension policy inconsistency which affected 14 CBA students

Presented to AACSB mentor – Dr. Mo Sarhan, progress made by SARPD committee

Hosted well attended Orientation program for new students

Discussed with CBA Dean a proposal for teaching CBA focused College Survival Skills course, as a strategy for better retention and mentoring of CBA student

Writing BOR proposal for summer bridge program for CBA students

Continue to strive to provide excellence in customer service to CBA students and College where "perfection is our goal, excellence is tolerated."

### LSBDC Greater New Orleans Regional Collaborative Partnership September 2010 Report

#### Trainings and Seminars presented, participated and/or attended

Starting and Financing a Business

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Quick Books for Beginners

### Counseling Sessions

Relationships with our community partners at the River Region Parish are being developed and maintained via seminars and one on one counseling sessions. These services are currently being provided every other Friday in the month.

One on one counseling provided to the following types of new business

Paint and Supply Store, Comedy Club, P.R. Consulting Service, Event Facility, Daiquiri Shop, Limousine Service  
One on one counseling provided to the following types of existing businesses: Daycare Facility, Fast Food Establishment, DVD Rental Kiosk, Celebrity Stylist Training School, Dessert and Catering Service

### Special Event [s]

**St. John Parish Economic Business Workshop – Presentation**

**LSBDC Lender Training Hope for the Gulf Coast**

### Grants/Loans

Assisted clients with loan packaging via SBA and various other lending institutions

### Reports/Assignments

Preparation of Center IC reports (client data and professional participation)

### Research

Researched client specific information.

### Meetings Attended

SUNO monthly meeting  
LSBDC monthly meeting  
AEI Committee Meeting

### College of Education:

Dr. Louise Kaltenbaugh, In-

terim Dean

Report on Major College of Education Activities: September, 2010

**Title of Article** Dr. Allen – Jones published an article in the *Illinois School Board Journal* entitled “*Involvement Key for Parents at School.*”

### Research in Progress:

Dr. Kaltenbaugh and Dr. Bellow are in the process of completing the following Board of Regents Enhancement grant: (1) Numeracy and Literacy Enhancement for the Literacy Center for Academic Excellence; (2) Dr. Kaltenbaugh and Dr. Sara Hollis are in the process of completing the following Board of Regents Enhancement grant – “Teach New Orleans 2010”. These grants will be submitted to the Board of Regents to meet the October 14, 2010 deadline.

Dr. Robinson is writing a Board of Regents Enhancement grant entitled “Teacher Effectiveness through Arts and Sciences.” This grant will be submitted to the Board of Regents by October 14, 2010.

Dr. Bachus, in collaboration with

Dr. Raquel Ezell, is writing a Board of Regents Enhancement grant. It will be submitted to meet the October 14, 2010 deadline.

Dr. Vincent Johnson is writing a Board of Regents enhancement grant entitled “The Use of Technology to “Increase Pedagogy for Disabled Student Learners”. The grant will target visual and hearing impaired students.

Ms. Mayo-Theus and Dr. Bachus are collaborating on a Board of Regents Enhancement grant that will focus on Adults with ADD/ADHD.

Ms. Celina Carson continues to work on a Summer Enrich-

ment Program grant.

Dr. Ezell, Ms. Gloria Major, and Dr. Sherrie Bacchus are working on a BOR grant.

CDFS faculty are collaborating on a research project that will have the students create a book that will contain oral history, photos, essays, and illustrations focusing on Hurricane Katrina. They have already secured a student graphic designer, an illustrator, and a printer who will print 500 books that will be used.

Dr. Ezell is participating in the Maskil project. She is meeting with Jake Nesbit, the cinematographer, Brenda Napolitall, the editor, and David Wolf, the Director of Productions. WLAE is the sponsoring TV station.

Ms. Gilda Jones is collaborating with Dr. Vincent Johnson on a Board of Regents grant.

### Professional Training and Experience

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Mr. Charlie Johnson is enrolled in a Ph.D. Program at the Univ. of Wyoming

Ms. Suzanne Mayo-Theus is currently pursuing her Ph.D. at Kansas State University.

### Professional Activities and Community Service

#### Professional Activities:

Includes University, College, and Departmental Meetings

Dr. Kaltenbaugh provided Consultant Services

(Identification of grant opportunities) to Saving Kids Unlimited, Inc. Organization: Saving Kids Unlimited. New Orleans, LA. September 23, 2010

Dr. Bellow provided Outreach activities on behalf of student teachers and students taking methods courses at the follow-

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ing schools: Metairie Academy, Honey Island Elementary School, Andrew H. Wilson Charter, and McDonough #26.

Dr. Bellow met with Cooperating Teachers and provided an in service to them regarding the College of Education and Human Development's Policy and Procedures.

Dr. Bellow observed teacher candidates from September 22 -29, 2010

Dr. Darby has registered for a workshop entitled "Enhancing Adolescent Literacy", sponsored by the Louisiana Department of Education – Region 1. The workshop will be held on Monday, October 4, 2010.

Dr. Kaltenbaugh presided at multiple meetings with Priestley School of Architecture and Construction to develop a partnership.

Dr. Kaltenbaugh co-chaired the Priestley/SUNO Memorandum of Understanding Committee along with Dr. Dennis McSeveney, Charter Board Chairman

Dr. Bellow served on the five member task force for the Priestley Charter and SUNO Memorandum of Understanding.

Dr. Robinson served on the Priestley and SUNO Committee to develop a partnership.

Dr. Robinson visited Arabi Elementary and Harriet Tubman Elementary to observe alternative certification interns.

Drs. Allen-Jones and Kaltenbaugh attended the Strategic Planning Retreat on Friday, September 17, 2010.

Dr. Allen-Jones and Mrs. Shanell Johnson-Washington (a student in Early Childhood Education) presented at the *Grater New Orleans Associa-*

*tion for the Education of Young Children* on September 16, 2010. The title of their presentation was "*Families, Children and Books: A Formula for Success.*"

Dr. Allen-Jones attended the QEP Town Hall Meeting on September 21, 2010.

Dr. Allen-Jones participated in the following meetings for the College and the University: College of Education and Human Development September 30, 2010 monthly report emergency meeting of Deans and Chairs; (2) low-completer programs (COE/HD); and chaired two Early Childhood departmental meetings. Two topics of major concern: (1) low completers and (2) National Recognition for NAEYC.

Dr. Sherry Bachus participated in the following QEP meetings: QEP Enhancement Planning Committee, QEP Subcommittee; E-Learning and Research Subcommittee, and QEP Writing Team.

Dr. Pamela Wanga serves as chair for the following: QEP Task Force and Writing Team.

Dr. Bachus served on the Search Committee for Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

Dr. Bachus attended a Practicum Orientation Meeting at St. Francis Villa Assisted Living on Friday, September 24, 2010.

Mr. Charlie Johnson participated in the following meetings: SUNO's Strategic Planning conference, QEP Planning, Publicity and Marketing Subcommittee, Online Proficiency Development Subcommittee, and College and department level meetings.

Ms. Gilda Jones participates in all college level meetings. Ms. Jones researched the cost,

utility, and feasibility of the COE/HD to implement a Praxis I and Praxis II Online Tutorial Component. Mr. Charlie Johnson met with the Director of New Orleans African American Museum to arrange the Martin Luther King, Jr. Speech and Art Contests.

Mr. Charlie Johnson continues to meet and mentor a Protégé Teacher at Craig School. He assists with Banner Construction and Lesson Planning.

Dr. Wanga continues to spearhead all activities associated with QEP, including preparing for the QEP Consultant's visit.

Dr. Wanga completed and implemented the 2010-2011 CDFS Field Experience, Practicum, and Internship Handbook with approval of faculty.

Ms. Suzanne Mayo-Theus is providing information on funding possibilities for CDFS outreach programs including, but not limited to, Children at Risk and Affected by Drugs; Black Families and Children; Health and Wealth Among Families, Building Strong Families Through Service, and Families in Transition.

Dr. Bachus represented the CDFS Department in a Forum sponsored by the Early Childhood Education and Family Studies Program out of Senator Landrieu's Office. The event was held on Tuesday, August 31, 2010 at the Mahalia Jackson facility in New Orleans.

Ms. Suzanne Mayo-Theus has identified several foundations with potential to fund CDFS outreach programs. The partial list includes BET Foundation, Bank of America, US Department of Health and Human Resources, and the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation.

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Ms. Suzanne Mayo-Theus will be a guest speaker at the Susan B. Komen Cancer Luncheon on October 15, 2010.

Dr. Kaltenbaugh met with Ms. Carol Alexander-Lewis, Publisher/Editor-in-Chief for MODERN PARENTS Magazine to discuss how the College of Education and Human Development faculty and candidates could assist in the upcoming Parent Power Forum scheduled to be held at SUNO on November 13, 2010.

Drs. Ezell and Darby are planning for a Town Hall Meeting and LAESP representatives. Ms. Gilda Jones compiled a Pass/Not Passed Praxis brochure and provided the information to the chairs of Elementary and Early Childhood.

### Attendance at Professional Meetings

Dr. Louise Kaltenbaugh participates on the Louisiana Association of Colleges for Teacher Education, Baton Rouge, La. September 3, 2010 (State Level) College of Education and Human Development September 30, 2010 monthly report

Dr. Deborah Darby is registered to attend the Association for the Advancement of Computing in Education. The E-Learn-World Conference on E-Learning in Corporate, Government, Healthcare, and Higher Education is being co-sponsored by the International Journal on E-Learning. The date for the conference is October 18-22, 2010.

Drs. Kaltenbaugh Allen-Jones attended a Post-Secondary Webinar Meeting hosted by PLATO: Federal Funding. September 28, 2010.

Ms. Gilda Jones attended a professional meeting hosted by Tulane University.

### Community Service

#### Positions Held

Dr. Kaltenbaugh serves on the Board of Directors, Saving Kids, Unlimited, 1999-present  
Dr. Bellow was appointed to serve on the GRAD ACT "licensure pass rate" Committee

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Mr. Charlie Johnson is serving as the Pontchartrain Park Neighborhood 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary historian.

Ms. Suzanne Mayo-Theus is a newly elected member to the Board of Directors, Saving Kids, Unlimited.

#### Participation in community service activities

Dr. Kaltenbaugh is active with PAWS, a community no-kill shelter for animals.

Ms. Mayo-Theus met with Rev. Tyrone Rousell (The Living Word Church in Gretna, LA), and his wife, Mrs. Linda Rousell. Mr. Rousell is also the Regional Vice President for Coca-Cola Enterprises and attended SUNO in the late 1970's.

Mr. Charlie Johnson attended Pontchartrain Park Neighborhood 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee meetings.

Mr. Charlie Johnson serves as Historian for the Pontchartrain Park Neighborhood.

Dr. Allen-Jones was presented with a plaque of appreciation from Total Community Action, Inc.

Head Start Program in recognition of Leadership in the 2010 Pre-Service Training Conference.

Ms. Suzanne Mayo-Theus met with Rev. Dr. Horace Lewis and his wife, Dr. Zelda Lewis. The discussions centered on ways the New Liberty Church

in Lulling, LA. Could support SUNO's CDFS program for securing scholarships and support for field experiences.

Ms. Mayo-Theus continues to identify potential partners in outreach activities such as Rev. Brenda and Tommy Todd of Tulsa, OK. They produce Family Matter Retreats across America.

Dr. Ezell met with the Department of Children and Family Services counselors and supervisors regarding youth assistance pertaining to a particular client.

#### Positions held in civic or religious organizations as officer, committee chairperson or active member

Dr. Kaltenbaugh serves as the Child and Youth Coordinator at Amite-Arcola Presbyterian Church and as the Interim Preacher in the absence of the Minister at Amite-Arcola Presbyterian Church

Dr. Kaltenbaugh is an active member and serves on the Outreach Committee at Amite-Arcola Presbyterian Church

Ms. Suzanne Mayo-Theus has been elected to serve on the Board of Directors for Saving Kids, Unlimited.

Dr. Raquel Ezell is a CASA Mentor and had participated in extensive training for the position of Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA).

#### University Service Chairperson of a Standing or Ad Hoc Committee

Dr. Bellow served on the Graduate Dean Search Committee

Dr. Kaltenbaugh served on the Graduate Dean Search Committee

Dr. Bellow participated in the QEP visit with Dr. Green, the QEP Consultant

#### Active Member on Standing Committees:

## Academic Affairs

Dr. Bellow attended QEP Task Force Committee Meetings

Dr. Robinson is the College of Education and Human Development's representative to the University Curriculum Committee. She has attended two meetings this month.

Dr. Bachus is an active member on the QEP Committee.

All COE/HD faculty respond with willingness to serve on any University, College or Departmental level committee.

### Membership on University Ad Hoc Committees:

Dr. Kaltenbaugh served on the Museum Studies College Level Retention/Tenure/Promotion Committee

### Other Officer or Committee Chairperson for Faculty Senate.

Mr. Charlie Johnson ended his term as Faculty Senate Secretary.

Mr. Charlie Johnson made arrangements for the Faculty Senate Meeting in September.

### Member of Faculty Senate Committee

Dr. Darby continues to serve on the Faculty Senate Committee

### Participation in Organized Student Recruiting Advisement

Dr. Allen-Jones advised thirty (30) students on various matters.

Dr. Kaltenbaugh responded to 26 telephone inquiries related to alternative certification.

Dr. Bellow advised elementary education and alternative certification candidates.

Dr. Robinson advised elementary and early childhood candidates.

Dr. Vincent Johnson was available for student consultation.

Dr. Bachus was available for advisement during the month

of September, 2010.

Mr. Johnson advised students on land and on line.

The CDFS faculty advised more than 100 students, both online and face-to-face on campus.

The Early Childhood faculty was involved in student and candidate monitoring and advising.

Ms. Gilda Jones provided Praxis information to over fifty students and candidates.

### **School of Social Work**

Julianna D. Padgett

#### **Assigned Classes**

SOWK 700-01

SOWK 700-04

SOWK 343

#### **Advisement**

Applications for Graduation / Class-related support of students

**School Committee activity:** Chair, APO: Updated syllabi and completed reaccreditation matrix

Assessment: Reaccreditation report - finalization of survey plus review of entire document

Research

#### **Faculty Meetings**

Regular faculty meetings

Reaccreditation meetings with

Dr. Pearce

#### **Grant**

New Orleans Health Department. Research Consultant to Mortality Due to Complex Disasters

#### **Community Activity**

Boards:

Alliance for Affordable Energy, Secretary.

Community Mediation Service, Treasurer. Have requested that CMS become a SUNO field placement. Reviewed grants.

Uptown Shepherd's Center.

Committee:

CBNO: Citizen Participation Program. Meeting.



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# **The Chancellor's Report**

**OCTOBER 2010**

**SUBMITTED BY**

**Dr. Ray L. Belton, Chancellor**

# Southern University at Shreveport Chancellor's Report

September 2010



Theron Jackson, Executive Assistant to the Chancellor with Randale Scott

Government Association President. Mr. Scott is a sophomore with a double major-Business Management & Accounting. In addition, Randale Scott serves as the only student representative on the Southern University System's Board of Supervisors.

He is a minister and a member of Philadelphia Baptist Church in Shreveport. He graduated from Bossier High School in 2008 and grew up in the Jack's Quarters area of Bossier City. Scotts says, "After graduating from SUSLA, I intend to further my education at Southern University in Baton Rouge, whereupon after a successful matriculation and graduation from SUBR, I plan to start my own accounting firm and Pastor my own church". Randale Scott views himself as a student leader as well as an example and mentor to others who can believe that if they so desire and are willing to apply themselves, can improve and excel no matter where they come from or what challenges they may face.

## NEW SUSLA SGA PRESIDENT DETERMINED NOT TO BE A STATISTIC

According to the book, "*Never Be Nothing*", author and Southern University administrator, Theron Jackson writes, "One in 3 Black men are involved in the criminal justice system right now". Furthermore, Jackson states, "The national graduation rate for Black males is less than 50 percent". One SUSLA student is determined to do his part to help diminish these and other statistics that portray such a dismal picture for young Black males in America.

Wednesday, September 22nd in the Health and Physical Education Building (Gymnasium), Mr. Randale Scott, was inaugurated as Southern University at Shreveport's 43rd Student

Government Association President. Mr. Scott is a sophomore with a double major-Business Management & Accounting. In addition, Randale Scott serves as the only student representative on the Southern University System's Board of Supervisors.



State Senator Lydia Jackson presented Randale Scott with a special recognition.

Miss SUSLA-Elect, Kristen Davis escorted by SGA Vice President, Cordercio Galloway



Bryon C. Williams, Executive Counsel to the SUS President with Randale Scott



## SUSLA Hosts Grand Opening of Johnny L. Vance Student Activity Center and Welcomes New SU System President

Tours, food tasting and welcoming of the new Southern University System President were the scheduled activities for the grand opening celebration of the new Johnny L. Vance, Jr., Student Activities Center. The ceremony, which followed the Southern University Board of Supervisor's meeting, was held on the main campus of SUSLA, 3050 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive.

Constructed on what was once a vacant space on the campus, the newly erected Johnny L.



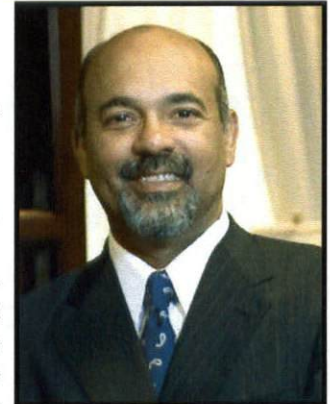
SUS Board Member, Darren G. Mire with SGA President, Randale Scott and Miss SUSLA-Elect, Kristen Davis at ribbon cutting of new Johnny L. Vance Student Center

located in the center are new offices for the Student Government Association, (SGA), and the Student Center Board, (SCB). Other improvements include an enlarged and enhanced bookstore and a multi-purpose room.

Guest speakers at the celebration included: Dr. Ronald Mason, Jr.-SUS President, Dr. Ray L. Belton-SUSLA Chancellor, Dr. Sharon Green-SUSLA Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, Honorable Randale Scott-SU Board of Supervisors Student Representative & SUSLA SGA President and Miss SUSLA-Kristen Davis. Guided tours and refreshments from The Market Place followed the program.



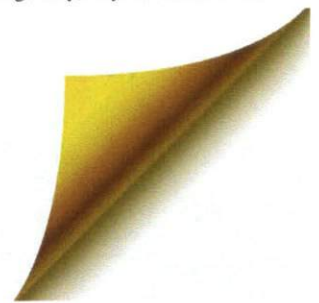
SUS Board Members (*left to right*): Atty. Warren A. Forstall, Mr. Darren G. Mire, Randale Scott, Atty. Randal L. Gaines, Mr. Richard J. Caiton, Jr., Mrs. Lea P. Montgomery, Atty. Patrick Bell W. Bell and Atty. Murphy F. Bell, Jr.



Dr. Ronald Mason, President  
Southern University System

Vance, Jr., Student Activity Center is now the center for campus life. The new facility stands adjacent to its previous 2-level location which was also renovated and now provides nearly 2500 sq. ft of space for student activities, campus clubs, organizations and dining needs.

The new facility offers some amazing amenities for students and staff alike. Students can relax after classes and enjoy a new game room equipped with arcade-style video games, a billiard table, plasma televisions, pc docking stations and dine at the new eatery called "The Market Place" where students and staff can enjoy an on-campus dining experience for a modest price. The buffet-style dining facility provides students with healthy daily hot and cold menu items. For campus coffee drinkers, there's the "Jaguar Java," a gourmet coffee kiosk as an added benefit. Also



## First Full-Service Bank Branch on Southern University at Shreveport Campus Celebrates Grand Opening

Capital One Bank joined future entrepreneurs, students and neighborhood residents to celebrate the grand opening of a new full-service Capital One Bank branch to serve the Southern University at Shreveport (SUSLA) community, the Martin Luther King (MLK) neighborhood and surrounding areas.

The branch, located at 4646 Hilry Huckaby III Ave., is just outside of the main campus of SUSLA in an incubator for new entrepreneurs operated by the university. The Southern University facility is the only bank branch within a five-mile radius of the MLK neighborhood and will serve the financial needs of the residents nearby, as well as students and budding entrepreneurs working with SUSLA's small business development network.

"I applaud Southern and our partners at Capital One Bank for their effort to bring this valuable resource to our community," said Shreveport Mayor Cedric B. Glover. "The establishment of Capital One's Southern University at Shreveport branch will represent one of only a few banks on the campus of a Historically Black College and University (HCBU). The entire SUSLA community, the students in the business incubator, and residents and consumers in the MLK neighborhood and north Caddo Parish will benefit from having this new, convenient, full-service banking facility nearby."

Capital One Bank was instrumental in bringing nationally recognized micro-lender ACCION to Shreveport. Capital One Bank has helped ACCION secure approximately \$750,000 to fund operational and lending activities in Shreveport. ACCION's offices are located in the small business incubator at SUSLA.

As part of the grand opening, the Caddo Parish Commission and ACCION Texas-Louisiana made the bank's first

deposit - \$100,000 - to launch ACCION's work in the MLK area of Shreveport.

"Capital One Bank and SUSLA have worked together for many years, and we're thrilled to bring this branch to our campus," said Dr. Ron Mason, President of the Southern University System. "The benefits to our students and our neighbors are boundless. We hope that, through the training center and the various banking services offered on campus, we can bring a positive economic impact to the entire university community."

Capital One Bank is a longtime partner of SUSLA and a strong supporter of the university's Center for Business and Community Development's services and programs since the Center began operating in September 2009. The Center's five-month program provides training on how to develop a business plan, a marketing plan, and expansion plans; peer-to-peer mentoring and support; office space; and services such as basic utilities.

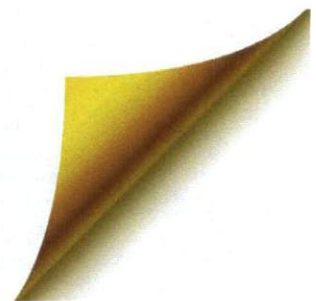
The bank has contributed more than \$25,000 to the university during the past three years and serves as SUSLA's depository institution of record. Capital One Bank also has been a title sponsor of the university's Annual Economic Development Conference.

"At Capital One, we look for opportunities to invest in our communities," said Capital One Bank Shreveport Market President Keith Bergeron. "Our long-standing partnership with SUSLA, our support of organizations like ACCION and the university's Center for Business and Community Development, and now our new branch on campus demonstrate our commitment to the MLK neighborhood and the surrounding areas."

The new branch will provide full-service banking and include a walk-up ATM. Capital One branch manager Darnell Lynch, a 1999 graduate of Southern University, will lead this branch.



SUS Board Members, state and local elected officials at SUSLA CapitalOne Branch Opening Ceremony



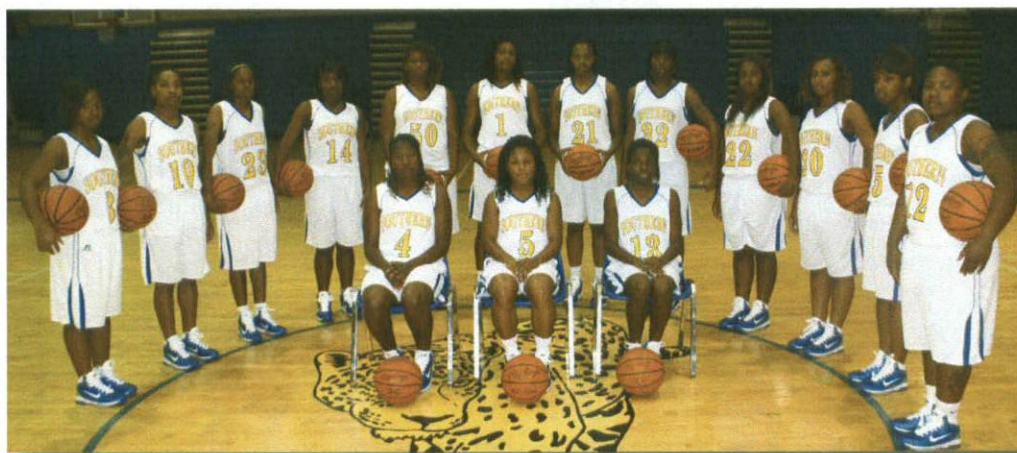
### SUSLA Hosts Annual Athletic Banquet and Dance

On September 18, 2010, Southern University at Shreveport, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, Dr. Sharon F. Green, led the annual fund raiser for the Athletic Department. Faculty, staff, students and supporters were treated to a buffet dinner catered by the Jaguar Market Place. Former NBA basketball star, Larry Robinson was the guest speaker. Robinson, a native of Shreveport-Bossier played for the NBA champions - Houston Rockets, as well as, other NBA team and played for the European league.

Both Men (Port City Jaguars) and Women (Lady Jags) basketball teams were introduced. Also, SUSLA cheerleaders and dance line troupes (Jazzy Jags) were recognized.

Dr. Green stated "I would like to express my appreciation to everyone who supported our event by purchasing tickets to assist our fund raising efforts for this event".

The event was held in the Health & Physical Education Complex on SUSLA's campus.



*Lady Jags Basketball Team  
2010 - 2011*



*Port City Jaguars Basketball Team and Coaching Staff  
2010 - 2011*

