

REPORT

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MESSAGE FROM...



Greetings:

In recent months, our beloved campus has faced the heartbreaking loss of several students. These tragic situations have profoundly impacted us all. We have united as a community to support one another, honoring the lives and aspirations of those who are no longer with us. Our thoughts and sincere condolences are with the families and friends who are mourning during this challenging time.

Given the circumstances, after discussions with my fellow administrators and immediate staff, I decided to postpone all activities related to my Investiture. Although this was a difficult decision, it allowed us to concentrate our energy and resources on what truly mattered during this period of reflection. This was a time for unity, not for celebration.

As we progress toward the conclusion of the academic semester, we will maintain our focus on initiatives that foster healing and well-being within our community. By prioritizing compassion and understanding, we aim to create an environment where everyone feels valued and supported. It is my hope that, by coming together, we can honor the memories of those we have lost and reinforce the bonds that make our community strong.

In honor of the lives of those we have lost, and in effort to foster a sense of unity and remembrance, we have initiated several programs and resources to offer support and healing. Counseling services have been made more accessible to provide a safe space for students, faculty, and staff to express their feelings and seek guidance.

As we navigate these challenging times, it is crucial to remain connected and supportive of one another. Our strength as a campus community lies in our compassion and empathy, and together, we will work towards healing and resilience. Let us continue to hold each other close and strive to make our campus a nurturing and caring environment for all. Thank you for your unwavering support and for being an integral part of our community.

Jaguar Nation...we're united in this journey.



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John J. Vierre

Southern University and A&M College Leader First

To the Southern University and A&M College Community:

It has been a true honor and privilege to serve as Chancellor of the Baton Rouge Campus. The past few months have been incredibly rewarding. As we look back on our achievements and forward to the future, I am filled with gratitude for the dedication and hard work of our administrators, faculty, staff, and students. Together, we have navigated challenges and celebrated successes, all while striving to uphold the values and mission of our institution.

Our commitment to academic excellence and innovation continues to drive us forward. This year, we have launched several new initiatives aimed at enhancing our educational programs and expanding opportunities for our students. These efforts are already showing promising results, with increased engagement and academic performance.

Furthermore, our partnerships with local, national and international organizations and entities have strengthened, providing our students with invaluable experiences and resources. These collaborations are essential as we prepare our graduates to be leaders and innovators in their respective fields.

As we move forward, as your proud and committed Chancellor, I am excited about the possibilities that lie ahead. Our campus community is stronger than ever, united by a shared vision for a brighter future. I am confident that, together, we will continue to make significant strides and achieve our goals.

Thank you for your ongoing support and dedication to Southern University and A&M College. Let us remain committed to our mission and work together to make a lasting John L. Pierre

impact.

Southern University and A&M College



IN PRAISE OF WOMEN

John B. Cade Library celebrated Women's History Month with a book talk and book signing on Thursday, March 27, 2025 featuring Dr. Lisa S. Vosper, esteemed author of *A Mustard Seed Experience: Activating Your FAITH to Unleash the Authority and Power Within.* The event attracted a diverse audience of students, faculty, and community members, all eager to engage in the celebration of women's contributions to literature and faith.

Dr. Vosper captivated attendees with her storytelling, leaving them inspired and reflective. Cade Library extends gratitude to Dr. Vosper and her team, the SUBR administration, all attendees, and extend special thanks to Dr. Maya Banks and the library's programming committee for organizing an enriching experience.



SGA President Kennedy Orr delivers remarks on the significance of Women's History Month, emphasizing its importance for female students. Library Dean Dawn Kight (center) and author Lisa Vosper (right) look on





Dr. Vosper shares a personal touch while signing copies of her book.



Dr. Vosper and Dr. Luria Young, longtime friends, celebrating faith, purpose, and storytelling.

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MAYA BANKS REPRESENTS CADE LIBRARY AT BATON ROUGE AREA LIBRARY CLUB MEETING

Dr. Maya Banks recently represented John B. Cade Library at the Baton Rouge Area Library Club (BRALC) meeting, where librarians from academic, public, and special libraries gathered to discuss pressing challenges facing their institutions. The event provided a platform for open dialogue on both local and national issues impacting the field of librarianship.

With the theme "Challenges and Solutions," the discussion covered a range of topics, from evolving technology and digital access disparities to budget constraints and shifting user expectations. Dr. Banks provided valuable insights on academic libraries, emphasizing the unique challenges faced by HBCU libraries and their critical role in supporting student success and research—particularly as Southern University-Baton Rouge works to maintain its Carnegie Research 2 designation.

"Dr. Maya Banks' presentation reflects the library's dedication to engaging in meaningful discussions that impact the future of libraries." says Library Dean Dawn Kight. "These presentations ensure that our voices are part of the ongoing efforts to strengthen and advance libraries in the Baton Rouge community and beyond."

EDDIE HUGHES REPRESENTS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY AT NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR BLACK STUDIES CONFERENCE

Eddie Hughes, head of special collections and assistant professor, Cade Library, recently traveled to Cincinnati, OH, to represent Southern University at the 49th Annual National Council for Black Studies (NCBS) Conference. As a dedicated scholar, Mr. Hughes presented his research on "How the Yoruba Language is the Basis of African American Speech and Style."

His presentation explored the deep linguistic and cultural connections between Yoruba and African American Vernacular English (AAVE), emphasizing the resilience of African traditions in shaping Black identity in the United States.

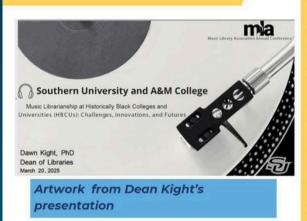
"Mr. Hughes' presentation is a testament to our commitment at Cade Library to explore and celebrate the rich interplay of language, history, and culture, says Library Dean Dawn Kight. "We are proud to have his insightful contributions fueling this important national conversation."



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LIBRARY DEAN DAWN KIGHT PRESENTS AT MUSIC LIBRARY ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE

John B. Cade Library Dean Dawn Kight recently participated in the National Music Library Association Annual Conference, where she delivered a presentation titled "Music Librarianship at Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs): Challenges, Innovations, and Futures."

Her presentation explored the unique role of music libraries at HBCUs, addressing both the challenges and opportunities these institutions face in preserving, expanding, and innovating their collections and services. Dean Kight highlighted how music libraries at HBCUs serve as vital cultural and academic resources, supporting student learning, faculty research, and the preservation of historically significant musical traditions.

She also discussed strategies for overcoming resource limitations, integrating digital technologies, and ensuring that music collections remain accessible and relevant in the evolving landscape of academic libraries. By sharing best practices and forward-thinking approaches, Dean Kight's presentation contributed to a broader conversation about strengthening music librarianship in diverse academic settings.

Cade Library Celebrates Scholarship with Author Events

During Black History Month John B. Cade Library hosted two authors for book signings and discussions, attracting students, faculty, and the community. On February 5, the Library welcomed Alvin Schexnider, Ph.D., author of *Confessions of a Black Academic: A Memoir*. On February 27, the library hosted Frank Jones, III, Ph.D., author of *Erasing Dangerous Fault Lines-From Victim to Victor*. Both events provided a platform for critical discussions on education, leadership, personal growth, and overcoming societal and individual challenges. (*continues*)

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Alvin Schexnider, Ph.D.

Navigating the Journey of Self-Discovery and Strength

Frank Jones, III, is founding pastor of City of Refuge Church of White Castle, Louisiana. Jones, who holds a doctorate in biblical psychology, highlighted the themes from his book Erasing Dangerous Fault Lines: From Victim to Victor. His work is based on personal experiences and academic research, providing insights into overcoming personal struggles and bridging social divides. His message of resilience and positive transformation is especially relevant today as mental health, faith, and self-improvement intersect.

Both authors inspired engaging Q&A discussions with the audience. These events highlight the vital role of academic libraries as spaces where ideas come to life and meaningful conversations are the order of the day. Through these author engagements, students and faculty had the opportunity to reflect, learn, and draw inspiration from powerful narratives.

A Voice in Higher Education Leadership

Alvin Schexnider, an experienced higher education leader, political scientist, and educational consultant, shared insights from his 30-year career in academia, where he has served as a professor of political science, chancellor of Winston-Salem State University, director of health policy at Wake Forest School of Medicine, and as acting university president at Winston-Salem State University. His memoir offers a reflective and candid account of his experiences navigating the complexities of academia. His work is particularly significant to higher education, providing an essential historical and personal narrative on diversity, leadership, and institutional transformation in higher education.



Audience members at the Schexnider event listen intently(left)

Jones (pictured right) pauses to pose with students and faculty after the event.



Rev. Frank Jones, III, Ph.D.



Dr. Patrick Mensah Selected for CADFP Fellowship at Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology



Dr. Patrick F. Mensah, ASME Fellow, Formosa Professor of Mechanical Engineering, and Senior Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs has been awarded a fellowship by the Carnegie African Diaspora Fellowship Program (CADFP). This fellowship will enable him to travel to Ghana for collaboration with Dr. Patrick Boakye, a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Chemical Engineering at Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST). Together, they will undertake an innovative research project that explores the impact of atmospheric pollution on cloud formation and precipitation dynamics, focusing on the effects of biomass burning emissions on cloud microphysics and precipitation patterns, utilizing advanced computational fluid dynamics (CFD) tools.

The collaboration will also include mentoring graduate students, integrating simulation models with observational data, and promoting long-lasting academic exchanges. The findings from this research are expected to enhance the global understanding of aerosol-cloud interactions and position KNUST as a leading institution in atmospheric science research. This project is among 43 newly selected initiatives that connect African Diaspora scholars with higher education institutions and collaborators in Africa for joint curriculum development, research, graduate training, and mentoring activities in 2025.

Now in its eleventh year, the Carnegie African Diaspora Fellowship Program aims to strengthen the capacity of host institutions while fostering long-term, mutually beneficial partnerships between universities in Africa and those in the United States and Canada. Funded by the Carnegie Corporation of New York and managed by the Institute of International Education (IIE) in collaboration with the Association of African Universities (AAU), the program has awarded nearly 750 fellowships since its launch in 2013.

For more information about the CADFP, please visit the Institute of International Education (IIE) or reach out to AfricanDiaspora@iie.org.

College of Business Professors Accepted into Doctorate of Business Administration Program

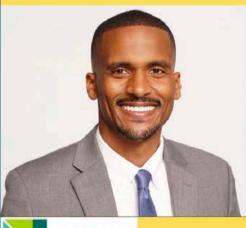
CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Two faculty members from the College of Business have been accepted into the Doctorate of Business Administration program at the University of South Florida - Tampa.



Candice Perrilloux

Ms. Perrilloux is a two time graduate of Southern University. She received her B.S. in Business Management in 2015 and an MBA in 2018.



Christopher Hilliard

Mr. Hilliard received his MBA from Southern University in 2019. He received a B.A. in Mass Communications from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette.





SUBR School of Education Hosts Culminating Activity and Pinning Ceremony for Inaugural Superintendent's Academy

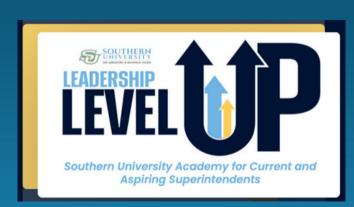




On Wednesday, March 26th, the School of Education proudly hosted the Culminating Activity and Pinning Ceremony for its inaugural Superintendent's Academy for Current.

The event featured an inspiring keynote address by Dr. Derrick Coleman, Superintendent of River Rouge Schools District in Michigan. The culminating activity was generously sponsored by Mr. Emeka Nti, Vice President of Community and School Transformation at McGraw Hill, along with Ms. Alison Harold, National Director for Strategic Partnerships at Ignite Reading. This fall, the academy will welcome new participants for its next cohort.

Dr. Emily Jackson-Osagie, Interim Director of the School of Education, delivered inspiring remarks, expressing her admiration for the academy's mission, goals, and achievements.





Office of Human Resources Hosts 2025 Employee Appreciation Awards for SUBR Landmass







On Tuesday, March 25^{th,} the Office of Human Resources hosted he Employee Service Awards Luncheon at the Leon R. Tarver II Cultural and Heritage Center. The Employee Service Awards Luncheon was a special event to honor the exceptional service, commitment, and dedication of the employees of the Southern University Landmass campuses. The foundation of any successful organization lies in its people, and it is our goal to express our appreciation. Without the honorees, hard work, collaboration, and dedication, Southern would not be the place it is today. Thank you for your remarkable contribution to the only HBCU System in the nation.



The event also featured a special tribute to long-serving employees who have dedicated decades of their careers to the university, showcasing the deep-rooted loyalty and passion that define the Southern University Landmass. As the luncheon drew to a close, everyone left with a renewed sense of purpose, ready to continue building upon the legacy of excellence that the university is known for.













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SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY EMPLOYEES

50 YEARS OF SERVICE (1975 - 2025)

POSITION TITLE	DEPARTMENT
Director	Purchasing Office
Director	Property Management
Associate Professor	College of Business
Assistant Director	Institutional
	Effectiveness
	Director Director Associate Professor













SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY EMPLOYEES

40 YEARS OF SERVICE (1985 - 2025)

	(1985 - 2	2025)
NAME	POSITION TITLE	DEPARTMENT
Linda Crawford	Administrative Assistant 4	College of Agricultural, Human and Environmental Sciences
Christina Crump	Administrative Assistant 4	College of Sciences and Engineering
Jessie Foster	Student Special Project Coordinator	Honors College
Brenda Hatfield	Administrative Assistant 3	College of Sciences and Engineering
Debra Lawson	ADA Compliance Coordinator	Office of Compliance
Angela Proctor	Assistant Professor/University Archivist/ Digitization Librarian	Library Services
Calvin Walker	Executive Vice Chancellor	SUAREC-Chancellor's Office
		Some University

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30 YEARS OF SERVICE (1995 - 2025)

NAME	POSITION TITLE	DEPARTMENT
Imarlene Dixon Batiste	Adjunct Faculty	College of Sciences and Engineering
Sandra Brown	Dean	School of Nursing and Allied Health
Cynthia Downing Bryant	Dean	College of Humanities & Interdisciplinary Studies
Barbara Campbell	Residence Coordinator	Residential Life and Housing
Shawn Comminey	Professor	College of Humanities & Interdisciplinary Studies
Moustapha Diack	Professor	College of Sciences and Engineering
Marilyn Doherty	Executive Assistant to the Dean	College of Business
Candace Donaldson	Administrative Assistant 4	Athletics
Judy Guilbeaux-James	Associate Professor	College of Humanities & Interdisciplinary Studies
Laurence Henry	Professor	College of Sciences and Engineering
Stephen Jaros	Professor	College of Sciences and Engineering
Octavia Johnson	Human Resource Specialist	Office of Human Resources
George Kirk (Deceased)	Professor	College of Business
Denise Lewis	Administrative Coordinator 4	Auto Shop
Robyn Merrick	Vice President for External	Office of External Affairs and University Relations
	Affairs and University Relations	
Okechukwu Oko	Professor	Law Center
Ademola Oloko	Fiscal Manager	CEES
Eric Pugh	Project Director-APOLLO	Upward Bound
Marsha Robins	Instructor	College of Sciences and Engineering
Rhonda Robinson	Executive Director	Upward Bound
Isadore Sparks	Custodian Supervisor A	Residential Life and Housing
Cordell Veal	Director of Custodial Services	Facilities Operations
Deanna Williams Smith	Executive Director	CEES



SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY EMPLOYEES

20 YEARS OF SERVICE (2005 - 2025)

NAME	POSITION TITLE	DEPARTMENT
Lynette Dotson	Custodian Supervisor A	Residential Life and Housing
Regina Enwefa	Professor	School of Nursing and Allied Health
Carlos Funches	Head Women's Basketball Coach	Athletics
Lorenzo Hart	Percussion Instructor/Equipment Manager	Band
Richard Hobson	Professor	College of Humanities & Interdisciplinary Studies
Peggy Jackson	Custodian 2	Facilities Operations
Elijah Jno-Baptiste	ERP Solutions Specialist	Division of Information Technology
Lena Johnson	Coordinator of Admissions	Law Center
Conrad Jones	Associate Professor	College of Sciences and Engineering
Kathryn Jones	Assistant Professor	School of Nursing and Allied Health
Kimberly Knighton	Assistant to Vice President for Finance	System Office of Finance and Business
Chandler Modica	Budget Manager/Research	College of Sciences and Engineering
Md Abdus Salam	Adjunct Faculty	College of Sciences and Engineering
Kacy Thomas	Adjunct Faculty	Law Center
Donald Wells	Custodian 2	Facilities Operations



SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY EMPLOYEES

10 YEARS OF SERVICE (2015 - 2025)

NAME	POSITION TITLE	DEPARTMENT
Tony Brown	Instructor	Southern University Laboratory School
Evan Conroy	Instructor	College of Humanities & Interdisciplinary Studies
Felton Derouen	Research Associate	SUAREC- Agricultural Research
Ladonna Evans	Adjunct/Clinical Faculty	School of Nursing and Allied Health
Tejuanya Evans	Communication Officer	University Police
Kenuatra Flowers	Instructor	College of Science and Engineering
Jesus Avila	Instructor	College of Humanities & Interdisciplinary Studies
Meguna Johnson	Director of Livestock Show Programs	SUAREC- Cooperative Extension
Jessica Johnson	Academic Counselor/Instructor	Law Center
Yolanda Jones	Human Resources Analyst C	Office of Human Resources
Jonathan Knoll	Assistant Professor	College of Humanities & Interdisciplinary Studies
Julius Mccray	Coordinator	Residential Life and Housing
Harold Mellieon	Research Assistant Professor	SUAREC/ CAHES
Angela Phelps	Special Assistant to the Chancellor	SUAREC- Chancellor's Office
Natalie Pittman	Counselor	Law Center
Donna Porche-Frilot	Instructor	College of Humanities & Interdisciplinary Studies
Paul Porter	Police Sergeant Administrative	University Police
Demetris Powell	Coordinator 4	Property Management
Rahim Smith	Academic Support Counselor/Instructor Law Center	Law Center
Mikaya Wiggins	HVAC Refrigeration Master Mechanic	Facilities Operations
Tara Williams	Custodian 2	Facilities Operations
Sonia Wilson	Director of Grants and Contracts	SUAREC- Finance

Spring 2025 Commencement Dates Announced



SAVE THE DATES!

SPRING 2025 COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

GRADUATE CEREMONY MAY 8, 2025, 2:00 P.M.

UNDERGRADUATE CEREMONY MAY 9, 2025, 10:00 A.M.

LOCATION: F. G. CLARK ACTIVITY CENTER

Greater SUBR Community Commemorates Investiture of Chancellor Pierre with "Churching the Chancellor" Series









Chancellor Pierre and his wonderful wife, Mrs. Antoinette Pierre, attended various community churches every Sunday throughout March observance of his Investiture. They were warmly welcomed by congregations across the capitol city, each eager to share in the joy and promise of this new chapter.

The "Churching the Chancellor" series was more than just a ceremonial gesture; it was a heartfelt exchange between the university and the community it serves. Each visit was marked by inspiring sermons, vibrant choirs, and a sense of unity that transcended the walls of each church. Chancellor Pierre expressed his gratitude for the community's support and emphasized his commitment to fostering strong relationships that would benefit both the university and its surrounding areas. These Sundays became a symbol of hope and collaboration, setting a positive tone for his tenure.

Chancellor Pierre attends "SU Day at Camphor"

Chancellor Pierre and Mrs. Antoinette Pierre attended SU Day at Camphor Memorial United Methodist Church, where he presented the State of Southern University address. The event was a lively celebration of the university's accomplishments and future goals. The Chancellor's speech emphasized key initiatives designed to enhance academic excellence, promote inclusivity, and increase community engagement. Attendees were motivated by his vision for the institution, which centered on innovation and sustainability as essential pillars for growth.

After the address, Chancellor Pierre took the opportunity to interact with students, faculty, and community members, actively listening to their insights and suggestions. This engagement highlighted his dedication to open dialogue and collaborative leadership. The day was enriched with cultural performances that showcased the vibrant heritage of the Southern University community, concluding with a renewed sense of energy and optimism for the university's future.



In addition, in honor of Women's History Month, congregants paid tribute to Southern University's own Jewel "Mama Jag" Jefferson, who dedicated over 35 years to the university. Known as the "Mother of the Jaguar Nation," she amassed more than 75 awards, recognitions, and special honors and was inducted into the Southern University Sports Hall of Fame.



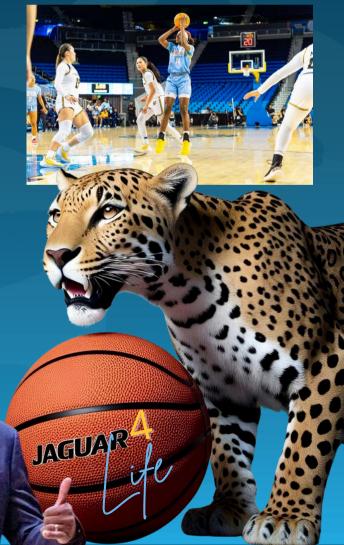
However, on March 24th, the Southern University women's basketball team's remarkable season came to a close in the first round of the 2025 NCAA Division 1 Women's Basketball Tournament. They faced the overall number one team in the nation, UCLA, marking the first time in program history that they participated in the first round. The final score from Pauley Pavilion was 84-46.

We take pride in our student-athletes as we continue to support their academic and athletic pursuits. Their determination and resilience throughout the season have inspired fans and instilled pride in the entire Southern University community. The journey to the NCAA tournament highlighted the hard work and dedication of both the players and coaching staff, establishing a new benchmark for excellence within the program.

The Lady Jaguars' outstanding achievements this season have built a solid foundation for future success, and their historic win against UC San Diego will be remembered as a pivotal moment in Southern University's sports legacy. As the team looks forward, the experiences gained and the relationships formed will undoubtedly drive their pursuit of more victories in the upcoming seasons.

With the backing of their coaches, faculty, and fans, the Southern University women's basketball team has demonstrated that they are deserving of a place on the national stage. We eagerly await their continued growth and success, both on and off the court, as they aim for even greater accomplishments in the years ahead.

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Chancellor Pierre congratulates Southern Bowling on Third Consecutive SWAC Regular Season Title

On February 9th, the Southern University women's bowling team concluded the SWAC East Round Up with an impressive record of 11-3, thereby securing a share of the 2025 SWAC Regular Season title alongside Alabama State University on Sunday afternoon.

The Jaguars achieved a remarkable 21-7 record across both the SWAC West and East Round Ups, marking their third consecutive SWAC Regular Season title under the leadership of head coach Barry Doyle.

Throughout the 28 matches, Southern amassed a total of 25,780 pin falls, resulting in an average of 920.71.



In the individual standings, Jailyn Rogers and Nyla Wilson both finished in the top 10. Rogers recorded 5,397 pins with an average of 192.75, securing fourth place overall. Wilson followed closely, finishing seventh with 5,264 pin falls and an average of 188.00.

Kelsey Quinney placed 14th with a total of 5,134 pins and a 183.36 average, while Naomi Smith ranked 20th with 5,046 pins and an average of 180.21. Darian Mobley rounded out the rankings at 24th, totaling 4,939 pins with a 176.39 average.

Source: <u>GoJagsSports.com</u>

Chat, with mancellor

Chat with Chancellor is an exciting new initiative that encourages you to share your thoughts and insights.

Whether you have an update on recent developments or a creative idea to share, your perspectives are appreciated and can create meaningful impact.



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

We invite you to connect and be a part of this vital conversation. Your input is invaluable, and *together*, we can achieve extraordinary results.

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

