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Links Present Scholarship

On Wednesday August 24, 2022, **The Baton Rouge (LA) Chapter and The La Capitale (LA) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated** celebrated the 2022-2023 Servant-Leader Scholar, **Rochelle Darville**, during a ceremony in the J. S. Clark Administration Building Boardroom. Darville is an educator in St. John Parish and is a doctoral student in Science and Mathematics Education at Southern University and A&M College.

Dr. Bijoy K. Sahoo, SUBR Executive Vice Chancellor & Provost for Academic Affairs gave remarks during the event. The Southern Area of The Links, Incorporated established scholarships for further mission of forming servant leaders and support students who are examples of leadership for the good of others. In addition to offsetting a portion of the cost of the scholars education during the 2022-2023 academic year, this award affords scholars the opportunity to participant in the Southern Area Leadership Academy. The academy provides an engaging servant leadership curriculum aimed at preparing students for a bright future.



On Campus...

Department of Family and Consumer Sciences



Students from the **Department of Family and Consumer Sciences** attended the **113th Annual American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (AAFCS) Annual Conference** held June 25 – June 27, 2022 at the Double Tree by Hilton at Sea World located in Orlando, FL. **Dr. Samii Kennedy Benson, Assistant Professor of Apparel Merchandising and Textiles (AMTX)** traveled to the national conference with seven members from Southern University's collegiate chapter of the Student Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (SAFCS). The students attending the conference included: **Jayna Banks (Child Development), Jailyn Crook (Human Nutrition and Food), Saveon Dents (Human Nutrition and Food), Alexia Herrin (Child Development), Tiffany Jordan (AMTX), Ashley Montgomery (AMTX) and Kamai Thomas (AMTX).**

On Campus...

Highlights from the annual conference include the induction of AMTX student and president of Southern's own Student Chapter of AAFCS, **Kamai Thomas**, to his newly appointed role of **First Vice Chair of the National Student Unit of AAFCS**.

Six Undergraduate Research Posters were also presented at the annual conference including: *H.E.R. Weekend: A Faith-Based, Student-Ran Start-up in the Pre-Incubation Phase at Southern University's FAB LAB*. **Author, Tiffany Jordan; Advisor, Dr. Samii Kennedy Benson**

Online Grocery Shopping Trends based on Different Generations. **Author, Ashley Montgomery; Advisor Dr. Jung-Im Seo**

Determining the Effects of Play on Social and Cognitive Development Among Young Children. **Authors, Jayna Banks and Alexia Herrin; Advisors Dr. Kenyatta Nelson-Smith, Brandi Gunn, & Keisha Ceasar**

An Analysis of the Effects of Common Stressors and the Influence on Eating Choices Among Undergraduate College Students. **Author, Saveon Dents, Advisors Dr. Erin McKinley & Dr. Melissa Johnson**

The Pandemic Potential on Emotional Eating Amongst College Students. **Author, Jailyn Crook; Advisor Dr. Melissa Johnson**

Louisiana Sustainable Community Project by Promoting Imperfect Fruits & Vegetables. **Author, Elisheba Clay; Advisor Dr. Sunpo Yi**

In addition, the students had the opportunity to participate in various conference sessions, network and fellowship with other student members, faculty and professionals from colleges and universities across the US, as well enjoy some downtime exploring Orlando.



On Campus...

New Student Orientation Inaugural Pinning Ceremony for the Class of 2026

After five (5) successful, informative, and rigorous New Student Orientation Sessions, SUBR officially welcomed more than 1,900 students with the Inaugural Pinning Ceremony for the Class of 2026 on Sunday August 14, 2022 in the F.G. Clark Activity Center. This pinning ceremony connected the commitment between students and Southern University and A&M College. Each student was given an official SU pin, following an oath to greatness among all who love and serve at Southern University and A&M College. Parents, community leaders, faculty and staff supported this event.

