

Chancellor's Report

October 2025



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Improve Infrastructure, Facilities, Finance, and Resources

CHANCELLOR'S MESSAGE



As we embrace the vibrant colors of October, I am filled with pride and gratitude for our Southern University at Shreveport family and the impactful events that were hosted.

We participated in the Cooper Road USA 25th Anniversary Celebration. This significant milestone allowed us to engage with our community and reflect on our shared history and progress.

Our National Night Out was another outstanding success, thanks to Captain Jeff Ivey and our University Police Department. This event strengthened our community bonds and reminded us of the importance of safety and collaboration. The participation and enthusiasm made it truly memorable.

October also marks Breast Cancer Awareness Month and Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and our Jag Wellness Advocates organized meaningful activities to educate and engage our community. These initiatives are crucial for raising awareness and providing support to those affected.

Concluding our month of achievements, we proudly hosted the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signing ceremonies with Wiley University and the Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office. These partnerships will enhance educational and workforce opportunities, marking a pivotal step forward in our commitment to community advancement and collaboration.

I am grateful for the contributions SUSLA has made to our community's strength and spirit. Together, let's continue striving for excellence and Reimagine SUSLA.

Dr. Aubra J. Gantt
Chancellor

SUSLA Celebrates at Cooper Road USA'S 25th Anniversary

Southern University at Shreveport (SUSLA) actively participated in the Cooper Road USA'S 25th Anniversary Celebration, showcasing the university's strong community presence and school spirit. Chancellor Aubra J. Gantt delivered the welcome remarks at the banquet, which was attended by residents, alumni, and local officials. During the event, SUSLA supporters Tony and Tina Williams, SUSLA's own Ms. Yvette Allen, and others were honored for their contributions to the Cooper Road/MLK area, also highlighting the university's commitment to recognizing outstanding community members.

The celebration continued with a vibrant parade in which scholars from SUSLA's Williams Center, Dental Hygiene Program students, Chancellor Gantt, University Police, and staff proudly took part. The students engaged spectators by throwing out candy and SUSLA branded swag, spreading enthusiasm and school pride along the parade route.

Adding to the excitement, the Shreveport Corvette Club generously provided several vehicles for SUSLA students to ride in during the parade, adding a touch of flair to the festivities. Support from local organizations like the Corvette Club helps strengthen the university's ties to the community.

Overall, SUSLA's participation in the Cooper Road USA's 25th Celebration was a resounding success, reaffirming the institution's dedication to fostering community engagement and celebrating local history.

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SUSLA'S UNIVERSITY POLICE DEPARTMENT HOSTS NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

SUSLA's University Police Department led by Captain Jeff Ivey hosted a fantastic National Night Out, bringing the community together for an evening of connection and fun.

The event was a resounding success, with attendees enjoying delicious food and exploring a variety of community resources. SUSLA informational tables provided valuable insights into the university's programs and initiatives, fostering engagement and learning.

Dr. Aubra J. Gantt and the SUSLA Family appreciate Captain Jeffery Ivey, his team, and everyone who participated and contributed to making the evening memorable. This event highlights the strong community ties and vibrant spirit at Southern University at Shreveport.





Health & Benefits Fair

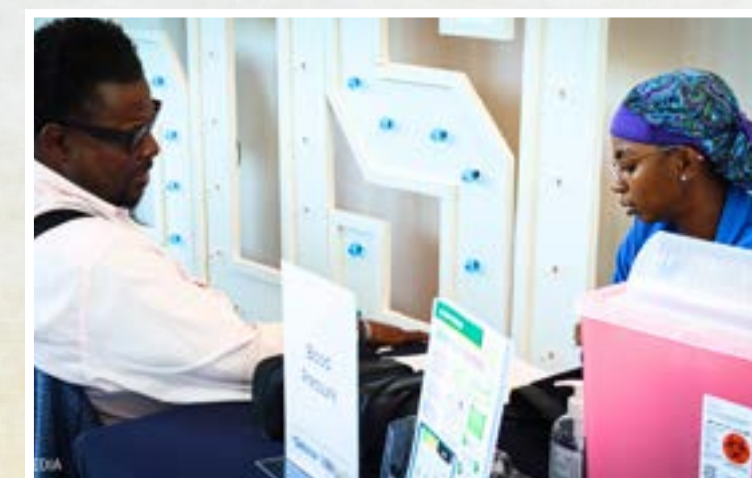
Southern University at Shreveport's Department of Human Resource hosted a comprehensive Health & Benefits Fair at the Alphonse Jackson Building. The event provided employees with a valuable opportunity to explore the various benefits and services available to them, emphasizing the university's commitment to employee well-being.

The fair featured a variety of vendors, including New York Life, VOYA Financial, Aflac, Corebridge Financial, and others, all dedicated to offering resources and guidance tailored to meet employees' health and financial needs. Attendees also received free cholesterol and blood pressure screenings, encouraging health awareness and early detection. Participants took advantage of the opportunity to learn about benefits, health resources, and make informed decisions regarding their health and financial future.

The event was regarded as an informative and beneficial success, with many employees taking steps toward improving their health and benefits.



Health & Benefits Fair



Pink-Purple Walk

Faculty, staff, and students at Southern University at Shreveport (SUSLA) came together to take meaningful steps toward hope and healing during the Pink-Purple Walk in recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month and Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

The event featured a symbolic walk around the SUSLA campus, where participants proudly wore pink and purple to honor survivors, celebrate resilience, and remember loved ones who have lost their battles with breast cancer or domestic violence. The walk served not only as a visual display of solidarity but also as a heartfelt moment of reflection and community unity.

As the event concluded, participants gathered for fellowship, laughter, and good food, reinforcing SUSLA's commitment to compassion, awareness, and collective healing. The Pink-Purple Walk stands as a reminder that through awareness and action, the SUSLA community continues to uplift one another and advocate for wellness, safety, and support for all.





Shreveport Police Domestic Violence Team Stops by SUSLA

Dr. Aubra J. Gantt, Chancellor of Southern University at Shreveport, along with Captain Jeff Ivey of SUSLA's University Police Department, faculty, and staff, extends heartfelt gratitude to Chief Wayne Smith and the members of the Domestic Violence Investigative Unit.

Their recent visit to the campus provided invaluable insights into the dangers of domestic violence. Students were attentive and eager to learn about warning signs, available resources, and methods to prevent domestic violence within the community.

“Our sincere thanks to Chief Smith and his team for their dedication to education and safety,” stated Chancellor Gantt. “Their commitment to empowering our students with knowledge and resources is truly appreciated.”

The collaboration demonstrates SUSLA’s ongoing commitment to fostering a safe and informed community.



Petrina's Purple Passion Foundation

Southern University at Shreveport proudly celebrates two of our outstanding students who were awarded scholarships from the Petrina's Purple Passion Foundation, an organization dedicated to advocating for and supporting survivors of domestic violence.

Each student received a \$500 scholarship in recognition of their academic excellence and perseverance. The recipients were Ms. Preshia Webster, Psychology Major, and Ms. Shanita Johnson, Radiologic Technology Major.

SUSLA's own Ms. Daphne Thibeaux served as Fundraiser Breakfast Chairperson, with Ms. Urina Holt as Co-Chairman, helping to make the event a memorable success.

The program featured Dr. Kimberly Pickens as guest speaker, who inspired attendees with her powerful story of resilience and strength. Attorney Britney Green, Chief of Domestic Violence for the Caddo Parish District Attorney's Office, brought greetings and serves on the Foundation's Board of Directors along with Ms. Peggy Snow, Ms. Odessa White, Dr. LaTienda Pierre, Ms. Tabitha Browhow, Ms. Urina Holt, and Ms. Daphne Thibeaux.

The Foundation is led by two former SUSLA employees — Ms. Lucinda Thornton, mother of Ms. Perkins Gay-Jenkins, who serves as President, and Ms. Janice Sneed, Vice President.

Several faculty and staff members attended in support of our students and the mission of the Petrina's Purple Passion Foundation.

Southern University at Shreveport extends heartfelt congratulations to our scholarship recipients and sincere appreciation to the Foundation for its continued commitment to empowering survivors and investing in education.



Pink Paws on the Ground: Honoring Breast Cancer Survivors

Southern University at Shreveport (SUSLA) hosted Pink Paws on the Ground: Honoring Breast Cancer Survivors to celebrate strength, hope, and resilience within the community.

The program opened with remarks by Mr. Ted Scott, Master of Ceremonies, followed by a heartfelt prayer. Chancellor Aubra Gantt provided warm greetings, and the 58th Miss SUSLA, Nia Brown, accompanied by the 58th SGA President, Kyndryck Green, welcomed attending guests. A musical tribute by Professor Jibri Houston and his student jazz ensemble set a tone of inspiration and unity.

The guest speaker was Ms. Beatrice Wright, SUSLA alumna, former SGA President, and Nursing graduate. Ms. Wright shared her powerful story of perseverance and friendship with fellow survivor.

The program also featured a special share from Ms. Yvette Allen, Academic Advisor of Arts, Humanities, Social Sciences, and Education, supported by Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Zeta Iota Zeta Chapter, and a candlelight tribute honoring those who lost their battle with breast cancer. Survivors were presented with special awards for their strength and courage.

Dr. Hazel Dudley, honored as one of the oldest survivors, was accompanied by her daughter, Ms. Zazell V. Dudley, a member of the Southern University System Board of Supervisors.

With generous donations from faculty, staff, and the community, Ms. Winzer raised \$1,000 for the C. Wright Pink Ribbon Project, further demonstrating her commitment to supporting breast cancer awareness and survivor empowerment.

SUSLA continues to stand united in support of survivors and the importance of early detection because Early Detection Saves Lives!



Pink Paws on the Ground: Honoring Breast Cancer Survivors



19th Annual Port City Classic Golf Tournament

SGA Vice President Javarius Cooper, a dedicated student at Southern University at Shreveport, proudly represented SUSLA at the 19th Annual Port City Classic Golf Tournament, alongside supporters of the Southern University Shreveport Foundation at Crooked Hollow Golf Club. The event successfully raised funds to benefit the Southern University Shreveport Foundation Scholarship Fund.

Dr. Aubra J. Gantt, SUSLA Chancellor, was one of many proud sponsors of this impactful event. Several of our male basketball players and coaches volunteered during the day, showcasing their strong commitment to community service and engagement. Through the efforts of faculty, staff, and students, this day was truly memorable!

Dr. Aubra J. Gantt and the SUSLA Family would like to extend our sincere thanks to the Southern University Shreveport Foundation for their support and congratulations to all the winners of the 19th Annual Port City Classic Golf Tournament.



19th Annual Port City Classic Golf Tournament



Southern University System Foundation

Celebrates Advocates

Southern University at Shreveport (SUSLA) joined in celebrating the collective success of the Southern University System Foundation's "Are You In?" campaign, which raised an impressive \$25 million dollars across the SU system. Chancellor Aubra J. Gantt, along with members of SUSLA staff, attended the "Are You In?" Advocate Celebration, an event dedicated to honoring the unwavering support and dedication of advocates committed to shaping the future of the entire SU System.

Of the \$25 million raised system-wide, SUSLA contributed a significant almost \$1.2 million, demonstrating the strong commitment of the Shreveport campus to the overall success of the Southern University System.

The event was a memorable afternoon featuring inspiring presentations by Southern University Baton Rouge students, who shared their experiences making calls to donors. The event highlighted the collective efforts of the SU system in working to build a better future for students. President Dennis Shields discussed how the funds raised will be used to support students and improve campuses across the SU system.

Dr. Gantt and the entire SUSLA family extended their sincere thanks to everyone involved in the "Are You In?" campaign. A special thank you to Tony and Tina Williams. Their dedication helps to create a stronger, more impactful SUSLA and a more vibrant Southern University System. Together, they and other donors made a difference and Reimagined SUSLA.



Allied Health Scholarship Recipients

Goal 5

October 23, 2025, Southern University at Shreveport (SUSLA) Allied Health students were awarded scholarships totaling \$15,000 from the David Raines Community Health Center.

Angel Freeney, a Dental Hygiene student, and Respiratory Therapy students Courtney Armstrong, Regina Bennet, Shakelvin Williams, and Tynesha Williams each received a \$3,000 scholarship. This generous support reflects David Raines Community Health Center's commitment to fostering the education and professional growth of SUSLA students.

Chancellor Aubra J. Gantt, and the SUSLA family expressed their sincere gratitude to Mr. Willie White, CEO, Ms. Myrtis Edwards, COO, and the entire team at the David Raines Community Health Center. "Your unwavering dedication to providing educational opportunities for our students is deeply appreciated. This partnership truly makes a difference in developing the next generation of healthcare professionals," stated Dr. Gantt.

SUSLA and David Raines Community Health Center share a commitment to a unified vision and purpose, ensuring every student has the opportunity to succeed.

Thank you for helping us shape the future of healthcare!



SUSLA and Wiley University Announce Collaboration to Expand Criminal Justice Programs

Dr. Aubra J. Gantt, Chancellor of Southern University at Shreveport, and Dr. Herman J. Felton Jr., President of Wiley University, officially solidified a partnership between the two institutions' Criminal Justice Programs. This collaboration marks a significant step forward in providing students with greater educational opportunities and innovative initiatives tailored for careers in the criminal justice field.

The partnership is designed to enhance and expand the current programs, offering students a seamless transition from SUSLA's two-year associate degree program to completing their bachelor's degrees at Wiley University. This pathway aims to support students' academic and professional growth, making higher education more accessible and efficient.

Both universities are committed to fostering a dynamic learning environment that prepares the next generation of criminal justice professionals through shared resources, expertise, and new opportunities for practical experience.

This collaboration underscores a shared dedication to educational excellence and community impact, paving the way for more impactful careers and positive change within the criminal justice system.



SUSLA and Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office

Unite for Community Growth

Southern University at Shreveport (SUSLA) recently celebrated a historic day, signing a transformative Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office. The event, attended by faculty, staff, students, members of the Sheriff's Office, and community guests, marked a significant step toward positively impacting the community's future.

During the ceremony, Dr. Aubra J. Gantt, Chancellor of SUSLA, alongside Sheriff Henry Whitehorn of the Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office, officially signed the MOU to launch a comprehensive Re-Entry Education & Workforce Development Program. This innovative initiative aims to empower incarcerated individuals by providing education, job training, and essential life skills, paving the way for successful reintegration into society.

"This partnership represents a vital step forward in our commitment to community upliftment," said Dr. Aubra J. Gantt, Chancellor of SUSLA. "By providing opportunities for education and workforce development, we are empowering individuals to rebuild their lives and contribute positively to our community. This MOU exemplifies the power of collaboration and the transformative impact we can achieve when we work together."

Together, SUSLA and the Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office are taking meaningful steps to rebuild lives and strengthen the community.



SUSLA and Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office Unite for Community Growth



SUSLA'S Polysomnographic Technology Program

Students attend the 2025 Louisiana Academy of Sleep Medicine Conference

Nine students from SUSLA's the Polysomnographic Technology Program, along with Program Director Colton Wiggins attended the 2025 Louisiana Academy of Sleep Medicine (LASM) Conference, uniting over 120 sleep health professionals including sleep physicians, neurologists, sleep technologists, respiratory therapists, dentists, and nurse practitioners.

In addition to representing Southern University at Shreveport, SUSLA's Polysomnographic Technology Program hosted an informational booth to promote continuing education opportunities. The booth aimed to encourage current sleep technologists to further their education and advance their careers through SUSLA's programs.

A significant highlight of the conference was the announcement that Mr. Colton Wiggins, Program Director of the Polysomnographic Technology Program, was elected to serve as President of the LASM. Wiggins will serve as President-Elect for the upcoming year, with his official term as LASM President beginning after the 2026 LASM Conference.

"I am truly humbled and grateful for the opportunity to serve Louisiana's sleep medicine professionals as President-Elect of LASM," Wiggins stated. "Representing SUSLA, I plan to raise awareness about the importance of sleep health and the many professional and volunteer opportunities available in this field. I look forward to this journey and thank SUSLA for supporting my involvement in this esteemed organization," stated Mr. Colton Wiggins.

This achievement underscores SUSLA's growing influence in the field of sleep medicine and highlights the leadership emerging from its programs.



“Boots on the Ground” Workshop

Strengthens Facilities Staff Engagement in Accreditation

Goal 7

Southern University at Shreveport’s Facilities, Maintenance, and Grounds personnel recently participated in a “Boots on the Ground” Basic Assessment Workshop aimed at enhancing their understanding of the institutional reaffirmation process and their essential role in supporting it.

Nineteen employees attended the interactive session, which began with a Family Feud-style simulation introducing the characteristics of a quality college. The engaging activity set the stage for a focused presentation on institutional effectiveness and compliance expectations. Participants examined how their daily responsibilities align with SACSCOC Principle 13: Financial and Physical Resources, discussing the critical importance of adequate facilities and resource management in maintaining accreditation standards.

Through this workshop, the Facilities, Maintenance, and Grounds teams deepened their awareness of how their work contributes to the University’s overall mission of excellence and continuous improvement. The session reinforced that every division plays a vital role in ensuring a high-quality educational environment that supports student success.



SUSLA Leaders and Students Support Grand Opening of Ronald McDonald House of NWLA

Goal 6

Dr. Aubra J. Gantt, Chancellor of Southern University at Shreveport, along with Mr. Aylwin Holmon, Department Chair- SUSLA's Roy Griggs School of Business at SUSLA, and students from the SUSLA's Roy Griggs School of Business (RGSB), visited the new Ronald McDonald House of NWLA to show their support to Mr. Roy Griggs, Ronald McDonald House Chairperson during the Ronald McDonald House grand opening.



The new Ronald McDonald House, a vital resource for families with children receiving medical care in northwest Louisiana, was officially opened to the public in a ceremony that brought together community leaders, families, and supporters. The SUSLA delegation expressed their commitment to community service and highlighted the importance of organizations like Ronald McDonald House in providing comfort and support to families during difficult times.



The grand opening of the Ronald McDonald House of NWLA marks a significant milestone in expanding healthcare and family support services in the region. SUSLA looks forward to ongoing collaborations that serve and uplift the community.



"Pizza with the Chancellor"

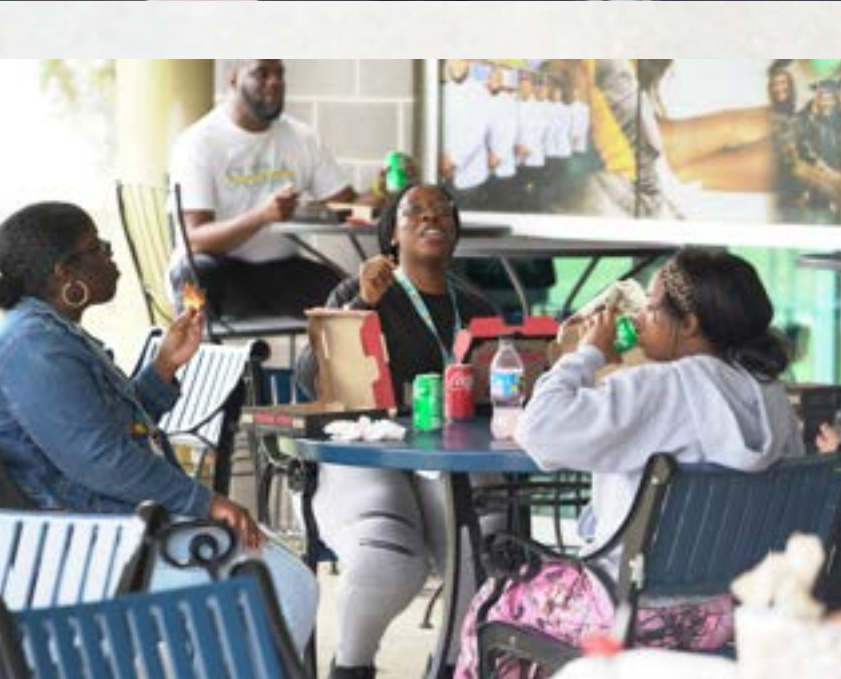
The Southern University at Shreveport (SUSLA) community recently gathered for a delightful event, "Pizza with the Chancellor," hosted by Dr. Aubra J. Gantt, SUSLA's Chancellor. Attendees enjoyed delicious pizza and vibrant music, making it a memorable occasion.

This event provided a fantastic opportunity for students, faculty, and staff to come together, fostering a sense of celebration and connection within the SUSLA family. The atmosphere was filled with laughter and camaraderie, highlighting the strong bonds that unite the university community.

"Pizza with the Chancellor" exemplifies SUSLA's commitment to creating inclusive and engaging experiences for everyone involved, reinforcing the university's spirit of unity and collaboration.



"Pizza with the Chancellor"



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