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SUSLA TEAM ATTENDS SACSCOC 2019 CONFERENCE



SUSLA Faculty and Staff pictured with members of the Southern University Houston Alumni Chapter.

SUSLA's team members attended the SACSCOC 2019 Annual Meeting in Houston, TX, December 7-10. "Higher education is changing at a rapid pace, and we must prepare students for flexible careers. It is essential that SUSLA's faculty and staff stay current with educational trends, and new opportunities for students," stated Dr. Rodney Ellis.

This year's theme for SACS: "The New Moonshot: A Giant LEAP for Education" inspired attendees to prepare their institutions for reaffirmation. The five-day event allowed institutions to share ideas and strategies that have led to results and learned lessons for their institutions. A host of workshops, sessions, group discussions, and poster sessions were held to address challenges while accepting change and innovation.

CHAMPIONS OF THE BAYOU

Dr. Rodney Ellis received the Champions of the Bayou State Award Saturday, November 23, 2019, at the Dr. Charles H. Garrett Community Center in Jonesboro, Louisiana. This year's event featured a spectacular Louisiana seafood extravaganza celebrating Champions of the Bayou State "North Louisiana's Finest."

The Chatham Community Support Group provides families with activities through life experiences such as: academic development, multicultural enrichment, parenting, and consumer sciences. The group honors those that they feel are real assets to the beautiful North Louisiana Community.

To the left: Dr. Rodney Ellis pictured with Priscilla Metoyer.



GOVERNOR JOHN BEL EDWARDS VISITS SUSLA'S LAVETCORPS CENTER



SUSLA Faculty and Staff pictured with Louisiana-elected governor John Bel Edwards.

On Monday, November 11, 2019, the Louisiana elected Governor John Bel Edwards visited SUSLA's LAVetCorps Center located in the Louis Collier Building. The Governor, along with staff, faculty, students, and guests joined in to celebrate those who had served in the Armed Forces. SUSLA's own Veterans Upward Bound Program participants attended the celebration of Veterans Day with the Governor. Governor Edwards was pleased that the University was acknowledging the presence of Veterans on the campus and having the LAVetCorps Center. At SUSLA we will always remember this nation as the Land of the Free and Home of the Brave.



Far left: Chancellor Ellis and several members of SUSLA's Executive Team pictured with Governor John Bel Edwards.

Left: Urina Holt, Director of Veterans Upward Bound, pictured with Louisiana Governor John Bel Edwards.

DECK THE HALLS WITH SUSLA TRIO UPWARD BOUND

Southern University at Shreveport is definitely in the holiday spirit! On Wednesday, December 11, 2019, SUSLA Trio Upward Bound DeSoto/Red River students stopped by the DeSoto Retirement & Rehabilitation Center in Mansfield, LA, to spread Christmas cheer to their residents. Everyone sang Christmas carols and distributed stockings filled with fruits and small goodies.

The purpose of the Upward Bound Program is to identify and provide services for students in parishes high school districts. The services created are to assist students who are low-income, first-generation participants. The ultimate goal of the program is to increase the rate in which participants complete secondary education and enroll in and graduate from institutions of postsecondary education.

According to Nelwrynn Hunter, of the Educational Advocate of the Red River/DeSoto group, "It was a humbling experience. The residents were overjoyed, and we wanted to show our students that it is important to care for others and not just themselves."



SUSLA Trio Upward Bound Red River/DeSoto are getting in the holiday spirit with residents at the rehab center.

THE NEXT-GENERATION DOCTOR: SHUNTERIKA FIELDS

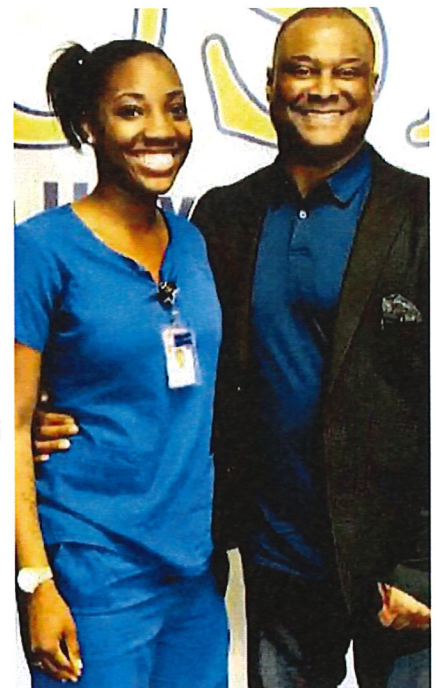
Shunterika Fields – a recent graduate from SUSLA, received the opportunity of a lifetime. She received acceptance into an Introduction to Clinical Pathology Basic Science of Infectious Disease Medical Internship that is taking place in Iquitos, Peru, in the Amazon Jungle, for a week. The internship is taking place from December 10-16, and she is the very first student from North Louisiana to have this experience.

The SUSLA community is very proud of Fields for accomplishing this outstanding achievement and more. Not only is she attending this internship in Peru, she will be attending a course in Germany in Summer 2020. Shunterika is the first and only African-American female to have the opportunity to attend a Masters of Virology course. Both honors are under one of the top surgeons in the country: Dr. Lane Rolling.

Rolling is Fields' mentor and the CEO and Director of Clinical Education and Research for the Tropical Pathology & Infectious Disease Association (TPaIDA) organization in Cuzco, Peru.

Fields is a powerful force in the medical field. As she continues to travel and attend courses, the Sabine Parish native serves her country in the United States Army National Guard. Shunterika is also attending Northwestern State University, working towards her Bachelor's degree in Radiologic Sciences. The SUSLA community is very pleased for Fields' outstanding accomplishments empowering the next generation of future doctors.

Right: Shunterika Fields pictured with Dr. Lane Rolling.



UNITED (IN EDUCATION) WE STAND

On November 22ND, the SUSLA Dual Enrollment Program joined Caddo Parish Schools, along with Mayor Adrian Perkins, to celebrate Woodlawn Leadership Academy (Early College partner) for achieving Caddo Parish Schools' highest performance increase in the district. Every day is an excellent day in promoting education.

Monica McEachin, the Dual Enrollment Coordinator, stated, "It was an outstanding event, especially since we celebrated Dr. Grady Smith for being awarded Principal of the Year." Ms. McEachin, along with Dr. Tuesday Mahoney, the Assistant Vice Chancellor for College Access, awarded Dr. Smith with SUSLA merchandise and other items related to academics. McEachin continued, "It was beautiful to cheer on Woodlawn Academy from becoming an F-graded school to a C-rated school. That's a great increase and achievement to reach."

The SUSLA Dual Enrollment Program allows high school students the opportunity to enroll in and receive both high school and college credit during regular class hours at their high school. Participation in the dual credit program enables high school students to get a "head start" on their college career, as well as prepare them for the challenges of college courses. Credits earned under these programs will be applicable toward a degree at SUSLA and are generally transferable to other colleges and universities.



Top: Dr. Mahoney pictured with Mayor Perkins.

Bottom: Ms. McEachin pictured with Dr. Grady Smith, as he was awarded Principal of the Year.

ALL HAIL, QUEEN AJACIA TYNE BUTLER

It was another magical night for the SUSLA family as Homecoming Week was winding down. On Thursday, November 7, at the Scottish Rite Temple, Ajacia Tyne Butler became another history in the making as the 52nd Miss Southern University at Shreveport. She was a vision of grace and beauty as she accepted her crown.

The ceremony contained the SUSLA community, along with family and friends in attendance. It was a packed event. Butler stated, "I am beyond thankful for the opportunity God has graced me with." She continued by saying, "God put me in this position for a reason, and I pray he receives

all the glory as I fulfill my purpose through my reign." She was even pleased with sharing the experience with the Royal Court, especially for being super supportive and helpful.

Congratulations once again to the 52nd Miss Southern University at Shreveport, Ajacia Tyne Butler.

Right: The 52nd Miss Southern University at Shreveport, Ajacia Tyne Butler pictured before her crowning ceremony.



STUDENT JAGUAR OF THE MONTH

Charles E. Wilson, Jr. is a graduate of Huntington High School Class of 2018. He enrolled at Southern University at Shreveport in Fall 2018 with a desire to further his education. He chose SUSLA because he wanted to have a real-life HBCU college experience before transferring to a 4-year institution. He has maintained a 4.0 GPA since entering SUSLA. Charles will graduate in the Spring of 2020 with an Associate's degree in Accounting. He will then transfer to a 4-year institution of his choosing. Charles' future aspirations are to become either a bookkeeper or a secretary in the Accounting department of an organization.



Congratulations, Charles E. Wilson, Jr. – Student Jag of the Month!

Student Charles E. Wilson, Jr. pictured for his recognition as Student Jaguar of the Month.

2019 BAYOU CLASSIC



MSKICK PROVIDES PROVIDENCE HOUSE WITH HEALTHY EATING OPTIONS

SUSLA's MSKICK representatives did a smoothie demonstration on December 3, 2019 at The Providence House. Culinary Training Director Monique Armond, and Turaeza Hose, Executive Director, of MSKICK distributed packages to residents and demonstrated how to utilize Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits to create healthy meals. Information on healthy eating behaviors, along with recipes were provided to residents. MSKICK also provide food and nutrition education formats to equip residents with the knowledge and skills to make healthy food choices as a central part of their lives.

Right: MSKICK representatives and Providence House Representatives pictured after discussing healthy eating options.



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