



SOUTHERN  
UNIVERSITY  
at Shreveport

# CHANCELLOR'S REPORT



April 2025



# SUSLA Priorities



## Priority 1

### **INCREASING ENROLLMENT:**

A vibrant and diverse student body is the heart of any successful institution.



## Priority 2

### **ADOPTING A STUDENT-CENTRIC APPROACH:**

By putting students' needs, aspirations, and success first, we can provide them with a holistic and impactful educational journey.



## Priority 3

### **ATTRACT QUALIFIED EDUCATORS & PROFESSIONALS AND RETAIN TALENTED EMPLOYEES:**

A strong academic community begins with outstanding educators and professionals.



## Priority 4

### **PROMOTING A CULTURE OF INSTITUTIONAL EFFECTIVENESS:**

By fostering a culture of continuous improvement, we can enhance our processes and ensure that we are delivering on our promise of excellence.



## Priority 5

### **ENHANCING CUSTOMER SERVICE AND STEWARDSHIP OF PLACE:**

Providing exceptional service to our students, faculty, staff, and stakeholders is paramount as well as an understanding that what is good for the community is good for SUSLA.



## Priority 6

### **CULTIVATING RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN FACULTY AND STAFF:**

Collaboration and communication between our faculty and staff are essential for a cohesive and productive academic environment.



## Priority 7

### **INVESTING IN INFRASTRUCTURE AND FACILITIES:**

Providing state-of-the-art facilities is crucial to creating an optimal learning environment.





# CHANCELLOR'S MESSAGE

April has truly been an exhilarating month here at Southern University at Shreveport, packed with noteworthy events that showcase the vibrancy of our campus and the dedication of our entire community.

One of the highlights of this month was the visit from the Southern University System Board of Supervisors. The engaging discussions and insightful feedback during the tour of SUSLA's Allied Health & Nursing, Arts, Humanities, Social Sciences, Education, Business, Science, Technology, Mathematics, and Workforce Development reaffirmed our shared commitment to excellence in education and innovation. We are grateful for the Southern University System Board of Supervisors' continued support and guidance as we navigate our path forward.

In an exciting development for our health outreach initiatives, we proudly introduced our brand-new mobile health unit! This innovative resource will allow us to extend our services and care to underserved communities, reinforcing our mission to support health and wellness beyond the classroom.

We also celebrated our much-anticipated Springfest, a lively event that brought together students, faculty, staff, and the community for a week of fun, learning, and connection. The energy was infectious, and it's moments like these that remind us of the strength of our university spirit.

As we look ahead, I am thrilled to announce the historic 2025 Spring Commencement. This year, we are celebrating a remarkable milestone with a total of 438 graduates, marking our largest class in over a decade! Among them, we have 366 traditional students and 72 bright dual enrollment scholars. Congratulations, Class of 2025!

Thank you for your unwavering commitment to Southern University at Shreveport. Let's continue to reimagine SUSLA!

**Dr. Aubra J. Gantt**  
Chancellor



SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY AT SHREVEPORT  
**MOBILE HEALTH UNIT**  
*Ribbon Cutting Ceremony*

*Reimagine Community Care:  
Engaging, Elevating, and Empowering Together*

Southern University at Shreveport (SUSLA) marked a transformative moment in community healthcare on Wednesday, April 9, 2025, with the ribbon-cutting ceremony for its new Mobile Health Unit. The state-of-the-art vehicle, a partnership between SUSLA's Allied Health and Nursing Program and Ochsner LSU Health Shreveport, will provide pro bono and low-cost preventative care, screenings, dental services, and health education to underserved neighborhoods. State funded with the driving support of Louisiana Senator Sam Jenkins, the initiative bridges gaps in healthcare access while creating real-world training opportunities for SUSLA students.

The event drew notable attendees. SUSLA Chancellor Dr. Aubra J. Gantt welcomed Louisiana Senator Sam Jenkins, Southern University and A&M College Chancellor John Pierre, SU Board of Supervisors Members The Honorable Zazell Dudley and The Honorable Samuel C. Tolbert Jr., Pastor Dennis R. Everett Sr., Bonnie Hughes with Ochsner LSU Health Shreveport, Shreveport Fire Chief Clarence Reese Jr., Shreveport City Council Chair Tabatha Taylor, SU System representatives, other distinguished members of the community, students, faculty, and staff. "We're so grateful to be able to bring preventive care, screening, dental services, and health education to a population who face barriers in our community. We say thank you to everyone responsible for making this day a reality," said Dr. Gantt. Senator Jenkins echoed the sentiment, stating, "Good healthcare should not just be a privilege-it should be a right," while praising SUSLA's leadership for turning vision into reality.

The Mobile Health Unit will deploy across northwest Louisiana. For SUSLA's Allied Health and Nursing students, it provides hands-on experience in delivering compassionate and equitable care. The SUSLA Mobile Health Unit exemplifies how education and healthcare innovation can work hand-in-hand to empower communities- one neighborhood at a time.







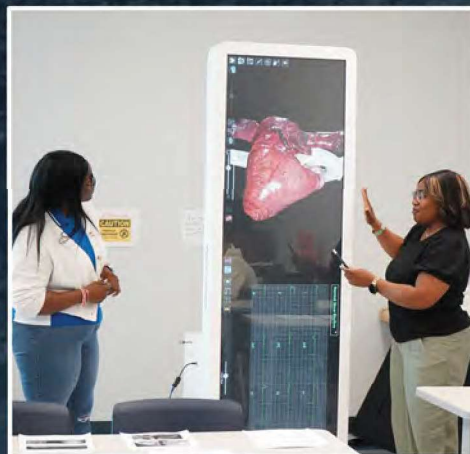


# BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TOUR SUSLA CAMPUS

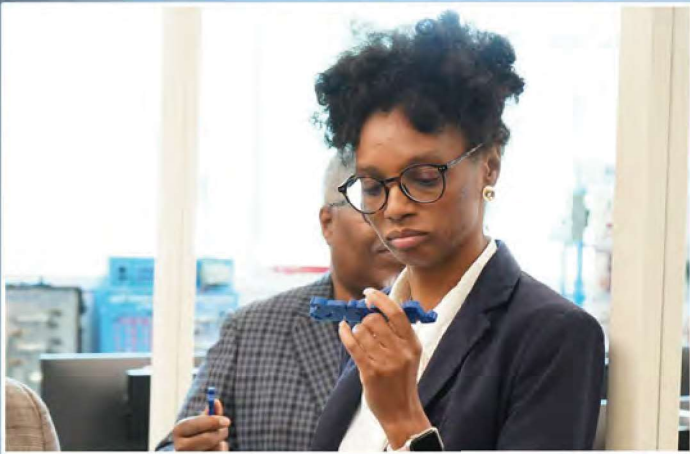
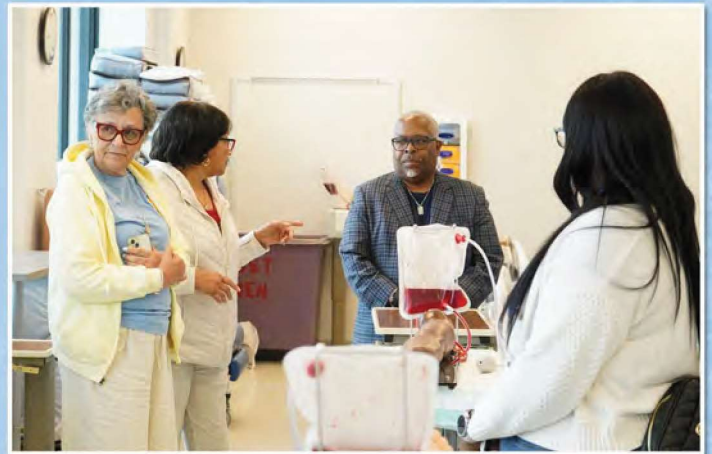
We're thrilled to share that the Southern University System Board of Supervisors recently visited our campus to tour our state-of-the-art campuses!

During their visit, they had the opportunity to experience first-hand the outstanding programs in Allied Health & Nursing, Arts, Humanities, Social Sciences, Education, Business, Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics and Workforce. It was a wonderful chance to showcase our students' hard work and dedication, as well as the incredible learning opportunities we offer.

Thank you to the Southern University Board of Supervisors for your support and commitment to enhancing educational opportunities in our community!









# BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING & RECEPTION

Dr. Aubra J. Gantt, Chancellor of Southern University at Shreveport, welcomed the Southern University System Board of Supervisors with a beautiful reception, where administration, faculty, staff, and community leaders gathered to celebrate excellence in higher education. At the Southern University System Board of Supervisors' meeting there were discussions about critical business growth and remarkable accomplishments throughout the Southern University system, reinforcing our collective commitment to educational excellence.

A heartfelt thank you to the Southern University System Board of Supervisors for their steadfast support and dedication to enhancing educational opportunities within our community! Thank you to Attorney Jacqueline A. Scott & Mrs. Mary Ann Scott for your support and contributions to Reimagining Southern University at Shreveport.









# Southern University at Shreveport

# SPRINGFEST

This year's SUSLA Springfest was a vibrant celebration filled with engaging activities and community spirit, making it an unforgettable experience for all attendees!

The festivities kicked off on Sunday with a powerful church service at Lake Bethlehem Baptist Church, where the community came together for worship and reflection, setting a positive tone for the week ahead.

As Monday rolled in, the energy shifted to the thrilling "Battle of the Bands" on campus, showcasing incredible talent from our local high school bands. The music echoed through the yard, as friends and families gathered to cheer on their favorite performers. Concurrently, a Recruitment and Registration Expo took place, providing students with valuable information on academic programs and opportunities at SUSLA, ensuring that all attendees were informed and inspired about their educational journeys.

Tuesday was a true delight with the elegant Queen's Royal Tea, a charming event that celebrated grace and poise. This sophisticated gathering set the stage for the highly anticipated Mister/Miss Blue & Gold Pageant that evening, where participants dazzled the audience with their talents and charisma, vying for the chance to be crowned.

On Wednesday, the atmosphere was lively with a Men's Symposium, where important discussions on leadership and empowerment took place. This was matched by a fun-filled student pop-up shop, showcasing talents and creations from our students, followed by a unique Silent Headphone Party that had everyone dancing to their own beats while enjoying a magical blend of music and camaraderie.

The week culminated on Thursday with the exciting "King & Queen of the Court" event, a celebration of royalty and achievement that brought the entire student community together once more.

SUSLA Springfest 2025 was a remarkable week filled with spiritual growth, community engagement, musical talent, cultural celebration, and a whole lot of fun. It's safe to say that this year's Springfest left a lasting impression, inspiring everyone to look forward to what next year will bring!









## Priority 2

### RAD TECH PRESENTATION

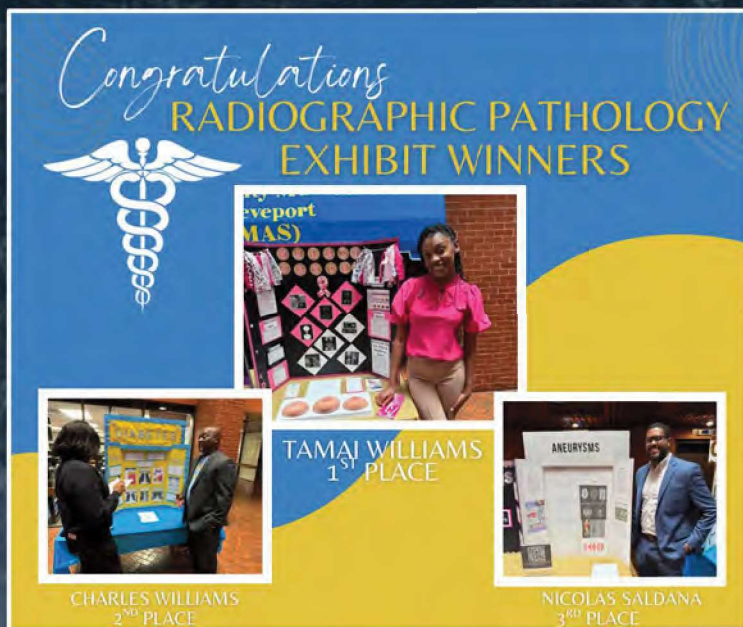
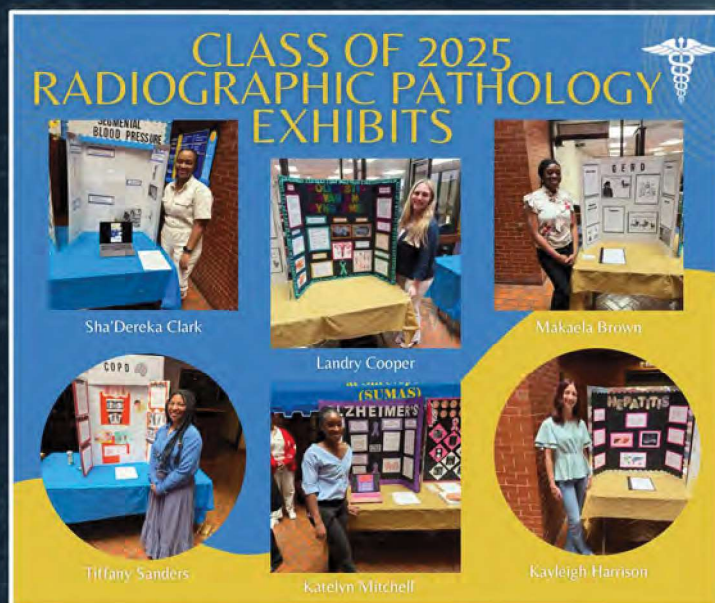
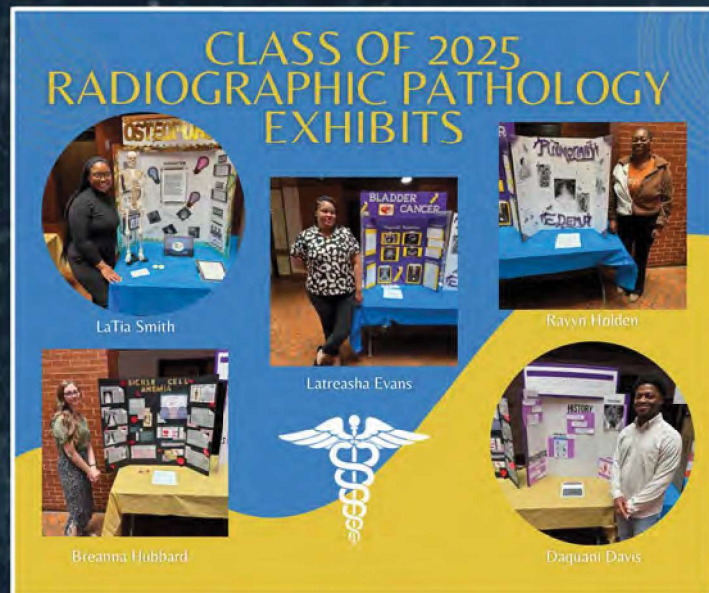
On Thursday, April 10, 2025, the Radiologic Technology 2nd-level clinical students participated in the Radiographic Pathology Exhibit Presentation.

Associate Professor, Daphne Thibeaux, facilitates this annual exhibition of pathologic disease case studies in her Radiographic Pathology and Film Critique course. Students select a disease process from an assigned chapter to research and present using guidelines from the Louisiana Society of Radiologic Technologists.

The students were judged by a panel of technologists from our local clinical education facilities, faculty, and staff. A special thank you to Mrs. Judy Fobbs, Ms. Veronica Moore, Mrs. Crystal Edwards and Mrs. Cynthia Jenkins for serving and judging. Thank you to Mrs. Lashonda Wiggins and Yvonne Williams for assisting with the lunch setup.

First, second, and third-place winners received a monetary stipend courtesy of Dr. Sharon F. Green and the Oasis of Hope LA Foundation.

Ms. Tamai Williams, 55th Miss SUSLA, won first place for her presentation on the effects of Breast Cancer. The second-place winner was Mr. Charles 'CJ' Williams, who presented on the topic, Diabetes, and the third place winner was class president, Nicolas Saldana, who presented on The Danger and Diagnosis of Aneurysms.





## THE BOARD OF REGENTS' THIRD ANNUAL MEAUXMENTUM SUMMIT

The Board of Regents' Third Annual Meauxmentum Summit: Gaining Meauxmentum was a statewide student success convening for faculty, administrators, and higher education leaders from all of the state's public two- and four-year institutions. The event was a cornerstone of the Louisiana Meauxmentum Framework, the state's student success strategy, which aims to advance Louisiana's goal of achieving 60% credential attainment among working-age adults by 2030.

Designed to foster collaboration, innovation, and systemic transformation, the summit featured interactive workshops, keynote sessions, and targeted discussions on strategies to remove structural barriers to student success. The knowledge sessions were centered on Curricular Engagement, Catapult Course Redesign, and Meauxmentum Strategies.

The summit's structure was designed to maximize engagement and learning. Sessions were organized into targeted tracks for faculty and administrators, addressing their unique roles in implementing transformative initiatives. Workshops were grouped into thematic clusters focused on key issues such as program selection, advising redesign, and student success strategies. Breakout sessions provided opportunities for smaller, focused discussions, while plenary sessions ensured alignment on overachieving goals. The event also included opportunities for cross-institutional collaboration and knowledge sharing, supported by national experts and facilitated by interactive tools.

Held at the Cajun Dome in Lafayette, this year's Meauxmentum Summit occurred on April 2-3, 2025. The SUSLA team included from left to right: Dr. Willie Siglar, Ms. Marci Collins, Dr. Devonye Brown, Ms. Vanessa White-Cooper, Ms. Shaneisha Bryant, Ms. Lashonda Wiggins, Dr. Sherlynn Hall, Dr. Lonnie McCray, and Meauxmentum team leader Mr. Major Brock.





## THE 5TH ANNUAL 101 WOMEN IN BUSINESS CONFERENCE

The Southern University at Shreveport Small Business Development Center (SUSLA SBDC), represented by Amanda Flynn, Shannon Livingston, and Pamela Jackson played a key role in the 5th Annual 101 Women in Business Conference, held March 25-28, 2025, in New Orleans/Metairie, LA. Building on last year's success as host, SUSLA SBDC helped plan this year's event, themed "Jazzing Up Success," which drew 167 women entrepreneurs for networking, expert-led sessions on AI, access to capital, business scaling, and policy updates. The conference, a collaboration with the Louisiana SBDC Network, empowers women to thrive in business, with next year's event to be hosted by Southern University Baton Rouge. SUSLA SBDC remains dedicated to supporting entrepreneurs through training and resources—learn more at [louisianasbdc.org](http://louisianasbdc.org)





## VISIT TO UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT TYLER: STRATEGIC COLLABORATION AND INNOVATION IN APPLIED TECHNOLOGY

Dr. John K. Galiotos, Dean of Workforce Development & Associate Professor of Chemistry recently (04/17/2025; 4 pm), visited Dr. Mark Miller, Professor and Chair of Industrial Technology at the University of Texas at Tyler (in Tyler, Texas), along with Mr. Steve Stone, CEO of Open-Source Solutions. The purpose of the visit was to review, inspect, and conduct testing operations on an Open-Source Robotic Arm Unit.

The visit also aimed to explore future capabilities for implementing relevant non-credit fast-track training and credentialing programs, summer camp activities, marketing initiatives, and potential collaborations in applied research between Southern University at Shreveport Workforce Development and U.T. - Tyler.

During the visit, Dr. Galiotos was also given a comprehensive tour of additional laboratories under Dr. Miller's direction, which included facilities focused on manufacturing, carpentry, and industrial technology education, training, and research.

Anticipated measurable outcomes from this partnership include a projected initial enrollment increase of 3%, with an expected annual growth of 2% (relevant to non-credit training programs).



## SUSLA'S WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND CHEMISTRY DEPARTMENT

Representing SUSLA's Workforce Development and Chemistry Department teams, Ms. Jacqueline Yarbrough, Ms. Shirley Vides, and Dr. John K. Galiotos attended the SciPort Discovery Center Makers Fair on Friday, April 11, and Saturday, April 12, 2025, proudly representing the Southern University at Shreveport. The team engaged with attendees through interactive discussions focused on STEAM (Science – Technology – Engineering – Arts – Mathematics) topics, conducted hands-on demonstrations in chemistry and energy conservation, and answered questions related to SUSLA's workforce training programs. Visitors from across the United States and as far as Iceland expressed interest in SUSLA's mission, programs, and contributions to science and technology education in Shreveport.





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