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CHANCELLOR GANTT'S PRIORITIES

for 2023-2024

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Increasing Enrollment:

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

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Adopting a Student-Centric Approach:

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

3

Attract Qualified Educators & Professionals and Retain Talented Employees:

A strong academic community begins with outstanding educators and professionals.

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.

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.

6

Cultivating Relationships Between Faculty and Staff:

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

7

Investing in Infrastructure and Facilities:

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

Increasing Enrollment

SUSLA SUNDAY AT LAKE BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday, December 10, 2023 made for another successful SUSLA Sunday! Chancellor Aubra Gantt and the SUSLA family extend out warmest thanks to Pastor Dennis Everett, Sr. and the Lake Bethlehem Baptist Church family for hosting us!



Increasing Enrollment



Adopting a Student-Centric Approach

SUSLA SCHOOL OF NURSING FALL 2023 PINNING CEREMONY

The SUSLA School of Nursing held its Pinning Ceremony for students completing the requirements for the Associate of Science in Nursing degree this Fall 2023 semester. Sixteen (16) students were pinned in a ceremony held in the Jackson Building Auditorium on Thursday evening, December 7, 2023. The speaker for the event was Stanley Johnson, RN, BSN – a 2017 SUSLA nursing alumnus and the Charge Nurse on the Electroconvulsive Therapy Unit at Brentwood Hospital.

The Pinning Ceremony is a rite of passage for nursing graduates to celebrate their transition from student to professional nurse. SUSLA graduates receive both a pin (designed by the faculty of the School of Nursing) and a lamp (which pays homage to Florence Nightingale's service during the Crimean War). They also recite the Nightingale Pledge – an oath to faithfully practice at the highest level of the nursing profession.

Next week, graduates will participate in a live, 3-day NCLEX review course which will further prepare them to take the licensing exam to become Registered Nurses. Best Wishes, Nursing Jags!



Adopting a Student-Centric Approach

HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PINNING CEREMONY

The HIT Program hosted its 2023 Pinning Ceremony on December 7, 2023. This Pinning Ceremony was special in that a former adjunct faculty member and HIT professional, Ms. Beverly Wallace, was honored and recognized for her service to education and the profession. A scholarship in her name has been established, and we hope it will continue throughout the years. JoAnn Brown, SUSLA Dean of Allied Health and Nursing, was also recognized with an Award of Appreciation for her inspiring leadership and contributions to the HIT Program throughout its conception.



Adopting a Student-Centric Approach

PHLEBOTOMY PINNING CEREMONY

The Phlebotomy certificate prepares students to enter the workforce, or stack into health science fields like nursing or medical laboratory technology. Upon successful completion of the coursework, Southern University at Shreveport grants a certificate in phlebotomy education. Students are then eligible to sit for the National Phlebotomy Registry. Congratulations, students!



Attract Qualified Educators & Professionals and Retain Talented Employees:

MS. QUIANA SKIDMORE RECEIVES SOCIETY OF HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGERS (SHRM) CERTIFICATION



Ms. Quiana B. Skidmore, who was recently promoted to the Director of Human Resources at Southern University at Shreveport has earned her Society of Human Resource Managers (SHRM) certified professional credential.

SHRM is the world's largest HR membership organization with nearly 325,000 members. It's certification has worldwide reach with credential holders in 105 different countries.

SHRM certification is the only competency-based certification available and focuses on knowledge and behaviors needed to be proficient as an HR professional.



SUSLA AND GSU SIGN MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM

On Tuesday, December 12, 2023, Southern University at Shreveport and Grambling State University celebrated the momentous occasion of signing a Memorandum of Understanding to create a pipeline for SUSLA students to transfer to Grambling State to pursue a bachelor's degree in Engineering Technology.

Dr. Aubra Gantt, Chancellor of Southern University at Shreveport, joined Rick Gallot, President of Grambling State University, in signing this agreement.



Priority 4

Promoting a Culture of Institutional Effectiveness

SUSLA AND GSU SIGN MOU

Specifics of the MOU between GSU and SUSLA are as follows: In order to articulate approved coursework to GSU, SUSLA students must earn a grade of “C” or better in each course. Those SUSLA students who earn their Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree following the prescribed coursework shown in the agreement and declare their intent to pursue the Bachelor of Science degree from the College of Arts and Sciences (Department of Engineering Technology) at GSU, will be: Admitted to GSU as a junior upon successful completion of the SUSLA AAS degree with an overall GPA of 2.0 on all work attempted; Admitted to GSU using catalog of record upon entry and assigned a faculty advisor at GSU for assistance in accordance with policies of GSU’s College of Arts and Sciences (Department of Engineering Technology).



Enhancing Customer Service and Stewardship of Place

SUSLA TOY DRIVE

Southern University at Shreveport LA (SUSLA) received donated unwrapped toys from Buffalo Soldiers, Local-Independent Chapter (Freda Edmond, Secretary/Treasurer) of Shreveport, LA on Monday, December 11, 2023. One of the many visions SUSLA shares with the local Buffalo Soldiers is to identify the needs within their own communities – to bring smiles and joy to the kids and families in need.



Priority 6

Cultivating Relationships Between Faculty and Staff

FACULTY & STAFF HOLIDAY SOIREE

SUSLA Faculty and Staff joined together for a Holiday Soiree, filled with food, games, fun, and fellowship! The event was set up by the SUSLA Holiday Committee. The party was held at Jaguar Marketplace on SUSLA campus. The party provided the opportunity for SUSLA faculty and staff to mix and mingle for some holiday cheer! Faculty and staff danced, played Christmas games, and participated in a Secret Santa gift exchange.

Special thanks to the Holiday Soiree Committee: Quiana Skidmore, Venus Ammons, Daphne Thibeaux, Glenda J. Allums, Victor L. Thomas, Priscilla Metoyer, Contika Shyne, Patricia Brown,

Yvette Allen, Shadarien Collins, LaToya M. Wilson, Fatina Elliott, Dr. Angelic Feaster-Evans, and Captain Jeffery Ivey.

Special thanks are also extended to the event caterer, Milam Street Kitchen Incubator & Community Kitchen (MS Kick).



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