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## Another Product of The Southern University at Shreveport (SUSLA) Family Makes Great Strides as Army West Point Signee

Another product of the [Southern University at Shreveport \(SUSLA\)](#) family is making great strides. This time in football.

[SUSLA Upward Bound](#) (Sabine Parish) Participant Shacori Williams is all the buzz, regionally and nationally, with his announcement as one of Army West Point's newest football signees.



Williams has been with SUSLA's Upward Bound Program since the ninth grade. He serves as the program's student worker and TRIO Student Leader (LASAP). An honor student, Williams is also District 3-2A MVP, All-State (Honorable Mention), and a Sunday School Teacher. West Point's official sports website, [GoBlackKnights.com](#), made the formal announcement of his commitment, posting a photo from his signing reception with his Upward Mentor and Director, Cheryle Wheeler-Johnson of SUSLA.

Also, according to [Louisiana Football Magazine](#), the Many High School Senior Running Back is among one of four Many seniors who committed last month to collegiate football programs on the first day of The Early National Signing Day Period.

SUSLA Chancellor Dr. Rodney Ellis says, "This young man's efforts in our program, and in life, are admirable and we're proud to be associated with him." Dr. Melva Williams, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Enrollment, adds, "It's an achievement like Shacori's that reminds us each day of our commitment to making education equally accessible to

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everyone, everywhere, particularly those from rural and diverse socioeconomic backgrounds.”

Shacori noted on his signing to West Point via [his social media feed](#) that, “Now, I would proudly like to announce that I am 110% committed to Army West Point! Thank you Coach Monken, Coach Viti, and the rest of West Point coaching staff. I am truly EXCITED to continue my academic and athletic career as a Black Knight!!!”

Williams is scheduled to enter West Point in the Fall of 2019.

### **About SUSLA Upward Bound**

The Mission of SUSLA Upward Bound is to generate in the program participants the skills and motivation necessary to complete a program of secondary education. Upward Bound is designed to prepare eligible high school students for programs of postsecondary education.

The program places emphasis on skills and motivation, high school graduation, entrance into and completion of postsecondary education so that "no student is left behind."

The SUSLA Upward Bound footprint covers Northwest Louisiana parishes. For more information, contact Cheryle Johnson, Director of Upward Bound, at [cjohnson@susla.edu](mailto:cjohnson@susla.edu).

### **About Southern University at Shreveport (SUSLA)**

**Opportunity starts here**©. From training our community's workforce to preparing students for four-year schools to leading the way in global educational success and completion, Southern University at Shreveport is committed to ensuring that we leave an indelible footprint in our community and beyond.

As the only HBCU (Historically Black Colleges and Universities) comprehensive community college in Louisiana, SUSLA serves a ever-growing population of full-time and part-time students. At SUSLA, we offer a high quality education and opportunities for our students - which in turn contributes to the vibrancy of our local, state, national and global economic community.

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