

## *Welcome Back Faculty, Staff and Students!*

I hope everyone had a great summer, and is ready to start a new academic year with fresh ideas, a renewed spirit, and a commitment to excellence. I look forward to my first fall semester with you! I look forward to traveling with you along this journey! I am so excited and want to do whatever it takes to ensure your success.



The past four months has been a time of assessment and reflection. The input I've received from you along with my past experiences with help shape the SUSLA of the future. One of the things I'm most excited about is our 50th anniversary coming up next year. This fall we will officially kick off this year-long celebration with a **"Tailgate with a Purpose."** This is a fundraiser to establish the Ray Belton Student Scholarship Endowment Fund. We have already secured private funding to serve as seed money for this event, but need the support of all of you and those in the community to take this fund balance to exponential heights. As you know, Dr. Belton was committed to helping those students who needed that extra financial support to complete an educational pathway that would allow them to live out their dreams. This scholarship fund will help continue that legacy long into the future.

The 50th celebration will be packed with a number of events for faculty, staff, students, alumni, community stakeholders, and many others who will help us celebrate our golden jubilee. I look forward to this fall semester and hope that this will be the best year ever...until next year!

  
Rodney A. Ellis, Ed.D., Chancellor  
Southern University at Shreveport

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## Reaffirmation of RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM



The Radiologic Technology Program is pleased to announce its reaffirmation after its 2015 on-site visit. The program is accredited by the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT). This program

was started in 1987. The program has always been committed to providing quality education to its students and preparing graduates to meet the needs of the health care community.

Lonnie Dedicated to excellence in Radiography Education, the program promotes an environment which fosters the development of critical thinking, creativity, problem solving and cooperative learning through a wide range of instructional methods. The Program's offerings include learning experiences from a variety of disciplines to provide a diverse foundation for science and radiography. Using the classroom and clinical setting as the main thrust for enhancing the learning process, students are prepared to function as qualified radiographers in hospitals, clinics, and physicians' offices. The program is led by Ms. Sheila Swift-Director, Daphne Thibeaux-Clinical Coordinator, Yvonne Williams and Benita Lawrence - Clinical Didactic Instructors and Cory Wells, part-time Clinical Instructor.

### SUSLA AWARDED BOARD OF REGENTS GRANT FOR MULTI-MEDIA LAB



**Dr. Lonnie McCray**

Dr. Lonnie McCray, principal investigator, along with Fred Moss IV and Joyce Cottonham, co-investigators, were awarded a Board of Regents grant to develop a Multimedia Lab for English and Communications. The development of this lab has been a rewarding experience for all those involved because of our student population, it is imperative that we provide new technological learning experiences. The proposed project of developing a Multi-media Lab has enhanced our current situation of lab instruction, where we have only one computer lab dedicated to the Division of Humanities. We are very proud of the work



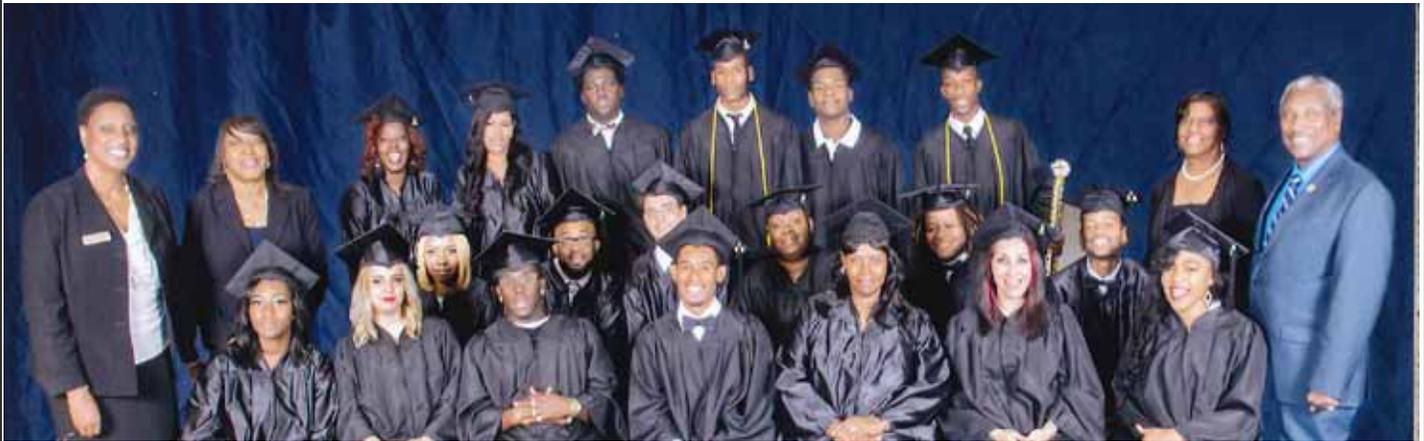
**Joyce Cottonham**

completed by the students in Mass Communications. These students worked with Fred Moss in creating professional videos that are available now on YouTube. They also worked alongside Mr. Moss in producing the weekly television program, "*The Hot Seat*," hosted by SUSLA's Dr. Melva Williams. In addition, a new CTS program was developed and recently approved by the Southern University Board of Supervisors. Beginning fall 2016, students have the option to enroll in Multimedia Production with two areas of specialization: Digital Video Production and Music and Audio Production. With the approval of our new CTS program and one more program being developed, Communication Leadership, we plan to forge ahead with introducing our students to new technologies and media that will prepare them to compete in our global and local markets. The new Multimedia Lab is located in the administration building room A77.



**Fred Moss IV**

## SUSLA 2016 SPRING ADULT EDUCATION GRADUATES SHOWCASED



Twenty eight (28) proud graduates of the Southern University at Shreveport (SUSLA), Adult Education Program were showcased to their family and friends on June 21, 2016. These graduates demonstrated that they have what it takes to master the HiSET (High School Equivalency Test), formally known as GED, to reach their educational goal. The graduates proved that it is never too late to get a high school education, as ages of the graduates ranged from late teens to upper 40s.

The keynote speaker for the graduation was Kenneth R. Epperson, Sr. – Caddo Parish Commissioner of District 12. He spoke earnestly to the students, giving them a capsule of his career in the military and stressed the fact that going in with his high school diploma enabled him to move through the ranks faster than if he did not have a diploma. Over the years, he built upon his education, and reached master's level in his early 50s – stressing that it's never too late to achieve your educational goals. He encouraged the students and others attending the graduation to continue building upon their education and to give back to their communities. Others on the program included Janice Sneed, Vice Chancellor for Community and Workforce Development; Rev. Clyde Jones, Pastor of Apostolic Worship Center and YouthBuild Shreveport Site Supervisor; Linzola Winzer, Administrative Assistant to the Chancellor; Keuntae Williams, Class Salutatorian; Quentaris Scott, Honor Graduate; Jeremy Smothers, SGA President; Sandra Williams, YNI Case Manager; Larry Ferdinand, Executive Director of Business and Corporate Development; and Deborah Jacques, Lead Adult Education Instructor.

Aside from acknowledgement of the students for their hard

work and goal achievements, the SUSLA teachers were also acknowledged for providing the level of instruction that helped the students to pass the HiSET. The instructors: Deborah Jacques, Sherry Taylor, Michael Snider, and William Jones Jr., are indeed proud of their students. The next Adult Education Graduation will be held in December. Some of the students enrolled into the newly formed SUSLA/Peaceful Rest Baptist Church AE Program will begin testing in July; hopefully a high percentage of these students, as well as students in our established programs will be eligible for graduation in December.

SUSLA's Adult Education Program continues to have its doors open to the underserved in need of an education. What is unique about the SUSLA AE Program is that aside from providing basic skills instruction, it teams with the Department of Intake and Supportive Services to assist students in acquiring meaningful career pathways after graduation. As students are enrolled in the AE Program, they also attend life skills daily. The purpose of life skills is to help students learn to cope in everyday society and to overcome barriers to their success such as transportation to class, domestic violence, family dysfunction, employment, housing, childcare, etc.

The success of the ceremony can be contributed to committee members who worked tirelessly to ensure that graduates and their guests enjoyed it. Committee members: Beverly Parker – Chairperson, Denesia Anderson, Larry Ferdinand, Brenda Henderson, Dennis Holmes, Rufus Jackson, Deborah Jacques, Clyde Jones, Dawn Lair, Steve Lucy, Shanace Robinson, David Smith, Sherry Taylor, and Sandra Williams.

*Congratulations 2016 Adult Education Graduates!*

# Aviation Maintenance Summer Program

## SUSLA Hosts Airframe Power Plant Technology Summer Camp

During the week of June 6-16, 2016, Southern University at Shreveport, (SUSLA), held its first Airframe Power Plant Technology Summer Camp. This camp provided 20 students, (9-12 grade), the opportunity to be introduced to the field of aviation and possibly consider a career as an Aviation Maintenance Technician. Under the instruction and supervision of Mr. Lee Washington, Summer Camp Facilitator, the students toured various sites such as ExpressJet Airlines, Barksdale Air Force Base, and SUSLA's Aerospace Technology Center. They were shown demonstrations in local maintenance shops, participated in hands-on activities and had several instructional sessions with shop technicians at various sites.

After the invigorating two-week camp concluded, a closing ceremony was held for the students. Mr. Cedric Washington, a graduate of the Aerospace Technology Center, served as guest speaker. Mr. Washington reinforced to the students that this camp was a great asset to those who are planning to get into the aviation industry as a Maintenance Technician.

As students journeyed through this great opportunity, one particular student stood out from the rest: Felton Henderson, a 10th grader at Pathways Education, showed much appreciation for all that he learned and was grateful for the information he received throughout the camp. Upon graduation from high school, Felton would like to enroll into the Aerospace Technology program here at SUSLA. Way to go Felton!!!

The camp received a high number of applications, which exceeded the maximum class size and a second camp was offered, on July 11, to accommodate interested students.

SUSLA thanks Janice Sneed, Vice Chancellor for CWD and the camp coordinators, Denesia Anderson and Dawn Lair for overseeing all aspects of the camp. SUSLA also gives special appreciation and thanks to sponsors of the camp: Carl Perkins, Louisiana Economic Development-FastStart, City of Shreveport, Parish of Caddo, ExpressJet Airlines, Barksdale Air Force Base, SUSLA Aerospace Technology Center, and Griggs Enterprise/McDonald's.





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## Education- The Gateway to Success

TRiO Upward Bound Natchitoches completed its fourth successful academic and summer component year September 26, 2015- May 7, 2016 and May 31, 2016-July 9, 2016. After six weeks of intense academic classroom activities, job shadowing, and community service in the summer component, TRiO Upward Bound Natchitoches staff and students traveled to St. Louis, MO for college and cultural enrichment tours.

College tours consisted of Harris – Stowe State University and Washington University of St. Louis. Cultural enrichment tours consisted of Sweetie Pies famous soul food restaurant, Busch Stadium home of the St. Louis Cardinals Baseball team, the Arch of St. Louis, MO, and Six Flags over St. Louis.

TRiO Upward Bound Natchitoches is housed at Southern University at Shreveport. The goal of Upward Bound is to increase the rate at which participants complete secondary education and enroll and graduate from college. The program provides fundamental support to sixty (60) students. (40 Natchitoches Central High School, and (20) Lakeview High School). Upward Bound Natchitoches Staff and Teachers are: **Betty Fagbeyiro, Director, Ernest C. Flowers, Coordinator/Educational Advocate, Bessie Whitehurst, Recruiter/Support Advocate; Teachers: Mrs. Buzzbee, Social Studies; Mrs. Green, Math; Ms. Machen, Science ACT/Prep; Mrs. Richardson, English; Ms. Garland, Support Advocate.**



TRiO Upward Bound Natchitoches at Washington University of St. Louis

# 2016 STAFF SENATE

## **MISSION & PURPOSE:**

*Staff Senate Mission and Purpose is to provide the SUSLA staff with a forum for expressing views on matters relating to their well-being. We are committed to promoting and protecting the welfare of the SUSLA staff; to the extent that the Staff Senate policies are consistent with State Civil Service regulations, University Board of Supervisors bylaws and regulations, University policy statements, and System permanent memorandum (PM). Also, to the extent that they do not infringe upon the civil rights of staff or impinge on the overall well-being of the university and complements and supports the academic mission of the University. As well as promote and facilitate staff participation in the University Community and encourage a sense of community among all University employees.*



### **PRESIDENT – SAUNDRA BIGHAM**

Employed at SUSLA for twenty years, Saundra is currently the Coordinator of Dual Enrollment. She has also served as Director – Workforce Development/Governmental Affairs Liaison, and the Director of Hospitality Programs.



### **VICE PRESIDENT – TILISHA BRYANT**

Employed at SUSLA for three years, Tilisha is currently an Admissions Counselor and Title IX Coordinator. She has also served as University Recruiter.



### **SECRETARY- JAMES WOODARD**

James started at Southern as a temp. With persistence, professionalism, and a positive attitude, James was able to be acclimated to Executive Secretary to the Vice Chancellor for Academic & Student Affairs. He has maintained a year of employment.



### **TREASURER- MARLO MILLER**

With three years of service at SUSLA, Marlo is the Banner Coordinator, and Satisfactory Academic Progress Committee Coordinator (SAP). Previously, Marlo served as the Veteran's Affairs Representative.



### **PARLIAMENTARIAN MARQUIS HALL**

Marquis has worked for SUSLA for eight years. He currently is the Coordinator of Testing. Also, Mr. Hall has served as the Cheer Coach for eight years and the Dance Coach for four years.



### **SENATOR – ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS - LINDA ANDERSON**

Linda Anderson is the Administrative Assistant for SUSLA's School of Nursing. Linda has worked for the University since 2003, providing administrative support to the Allied Health and Nursing programs.



### **SENATOR – MAINTENANCE BOBBY BROWN**

Bobby has served the SUSLA community for 24 years in the Maintenance Department.



### **SENATOR – BUSINESS JASHEIKA DENNIS**

With four years at SUSLA, Jasheika currently serves as the Loan Coordinator and Work Study Coordinator. She has also served as a Financial Aid Advisor.



### **SENATOR UNIVERSITY SUPPORT JERUSHKA ELLIS -JOHNSON**

Employed at SUSLA for two years, Jerushka currently serves as one of two University Counselors and Section 504 Coordinator. Jerushka currently holds an Ancillary Certification in Counseling & Guidance granted by the Louisiana State Department of Education Board.



### **SENATOR – DIRECTORS JEREMY ROBINSON**

Jeremy has served the Southern University at Shreveport community for over six years. His current position is Director of Recruitment. He has also served as Financial Aid Advisor, Admissions Counselor and Interim Director of Admissions & Recruitment.

# IT ALL STARTS WITH... FAFSA



## What's New in Financial Aid at SUSLA?

*Thank you team members and Director of Financial Aid, Katraya Williams; here are a few items to share with new and incoming students:*

### - MAXIMUM PELL GRANT 2016-17

- The 2016-2017 maximum Pell Grant award amount is \$5,815. This is an increase of \$40 from the \$5,775 maximum Pell Grant award for the 2015-2016 Award Year.
- The 2016-2017 TOPS award amounts for SUSLA is \$2618 (\$1309.00 for the fall and spring semesters). Students who are eligible to receive the TOPS award must be enrolled full-time in an eligible program.
- All students and parents must present a valid photo ID prior to receiving award information from the Financial Aid Office staff.

*Students who are SUSLA employees are asked to identify themselves on the 2016-2017 Institutional Data Form. Spouses, dependents and relatives of SUSLA employees are asked to list the name of the SUSLA employee(s) on the 2016-2017 Institutional Data Form.*

*\*At the June meeting of the Southern University Board of Supervisors, the Board approved a policy that will take effect fall 2016 for a tuition waiver for full-time employees, spouses and dependents of full-time employees of the Southern University System and System Campuses*

### -2017-2018 FINANCIAL AID PROCESSING ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Students may complete their 2017-2018 FAFSA beginning **October 1, 2016** instead of January 1, 2017.
- 2017-2018 FAFSA filing will begin **October 1, 2016** to allow more time to review, submit & update FAFSA data
- 2017-2018 FAFSA will collect tax year 2015 income information

Chancellor Ellis is pleased to announce  
Voronda Fields as August 2016 "Jag of the Month"



## JAGUAR OF THE MONTH

The "Jaguar of the Month" award goes to SUSLA Team Member, Voronda Fields, Technical Help-Desk Specialist-Information Technology Center. Ms. Fields has a good attendance record and demonstrates 'team player' behavior and views individual success as imperative to group success. She is direct, straightforward, honest and polite. Students and team members feel comfortable coming to Ms. Fields with questions and comments. She answers all questions promptly and accurately, as well as, coming to department head with any question that she does not know off hand.

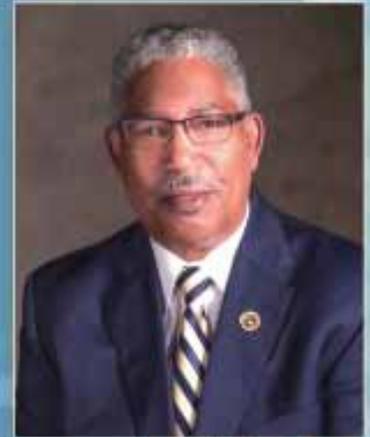
*Congratulations Voronda Fields!*

## SUSLA Tailgate Scholarship Fundraiser

and official farewell to former SUSLA Chancellor

### Dr. Ray L. Belton

President-Chancellor  
Southern University System



Dr. Ray L. Belton

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