



Greetings from
Dr. Rodney A. Ellis Chancellor

2018 Fall Faculty / Staff Institute Transforming Together: The Next Chapter



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2018 Fall Faculty Staff Institute

The 2018 Fall Faculty/Staff Institute energized and engaged SUSLA faculty and staff to begin the fall semester in the spirit of excellence. The event was held in the new Alphonse Jackson Jr. Hall, allowing many members of the faculty and staff an opportunity to enjoy the lecture hall and explore the building who otherwise might not have regularly been in the facility. Day one of this two-day professional development event featured Dr. Joseph Silver. Dr. Silver is president of Silver and Associates, a full service education consulting firm. Dr. Silver's speech focused on getting the entire campus ready for the SOCSOC Reaffirmation in 2021. He outlined a basic game plan for success and encouraged each employee to take personal responsibility for the success of the university by doing their part and keeping focused on the big picture.



The highlight of the first day was the surprise reveal of the Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) topic, *"Jaguars to the Core: Cultivating General Education Competencies"*. Participants were asked to vote electronically and a giant confetti balloon pop revealed the winner. Faculty and staff also enjoyed several concurrent sessions on topics from customer service, communication, and team building, to an overview of SACSCOC principles.

The day closed with NISOD Excellence Awards winners being presented medals by SUSLA Chancellor Dr. Rodney A. Ellis.

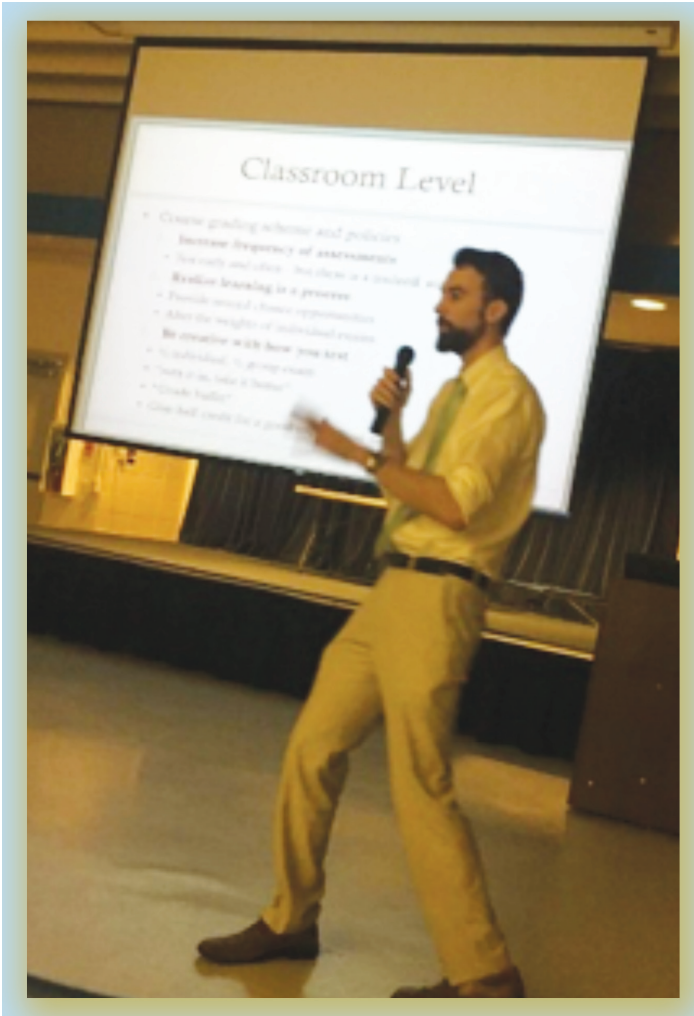


(L to R) Dr. Rodney A. Ellis, Barbara Austin, Dr. Sharron Herron-Williams, Angeliqe Feaster, Stephanie Graham, Dr. Lonnie McCray, JoAnn Brown, Dr. Melva Williams, Dr. Regina Robinson, Kim Madden, Sandra Bigham, Dr. Iris Champion and Marque Hall

Engaging in Best Practices Dr. Silver's "TOP TEN"

1. **MANTRA OF EXCELLENCE** should undergurd what we do;
2. **QUALITY** is the ultimate goal - reputation will follow;
3. **REPUTATION** resets on results - not models;
4. **VALUED** added experience to your students is important;
5. **GOOD TEACHING** is a MUST - therefore, no excuse for lack of scholarly results;
6. **UNDERPREPARED STUDENTS** should leave prepared workforce ready;
7. **SHARED GOVERNANCE** - should mean something can't blur the lines;
8. **TRANSFORMING LIVES** of the students;
9. **FACULTY / STAFF INTERACTION** with the students is very important; and
10. **RELATIONSHIPS MATTER**

SUSLA HOLDS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SYMPOSIUM



The Academy of Excellence and SUSLA Engage came together this summer to sponsor a special Professional Development Symposium in the Jesse Stone Lecture Hall for faculty on campus. The guest presenter was Russell P. Nolan, Biology Instructor at Baton Rouge Community College. Mr. Nolan's presentation "*Examining the Exam: An Exploration of Formal Assessment Strategies*" was phenomenal. Instructors were definitely inspired and gleaned helpful techniques from Mr. Nolan's presentation.

Several faculty members from Allied Health participated in the symposium. Contika Shyne, Benita Lawrence and Terri Johnson all gave presentations that were students focused.

In addition, Stephanie Graham captured the audience's attention with a presentation concerning the status of Title III and Perkins. The morning concluded with Joyce Cottonham and Gwendolyn Tennell presenting on the topic "*Distance to Digital Learning: Shaping the Future*."

The Professional Development Symposium was a great opportunity for faculty and staff to collaborate and share best practices.

VETERANS UPWARD BOUND CELEBRATES VETERANS WITH HONORS & AWARDS PROGRAM

Southern University at Shreveport's Veterans Upward Bound (VUB) program recently hosted a special honors and awards program celebrating SUSLA's first cohort of Veterans Upward Bound program participants and honoring all of the brave men and women who have proudly served our country.

The guest speaker for the event was Troy J. Broussard, Director of Advocacy & Outreach for AARP Louisiana. Mr. Broussard is a proud Desert Storm Army Veteran. He spoke about the importance of the veteran population and the combined voting power they have to move the needle on issues important to veterans. Mr. Broussard develops and provides strategic leadership for AARP advocacy activities, including the implementation of national AARP advocacy efforts and campaigns at the local and state level.



The Veterans Upward Bound program at SUSLA provides resources for veterans that have put off pursuing a college education. This first cohort of the program were able to take advantage of a variety of services. The program assists veterans with wrap-around services and securing support from other locally available resources. Participants can receive academic assessments, career counseling, mentoring, tutoring, and instruction in core subject areas required for the demanding job market.



"We are so excited to have this first cohort in our Veterans Upward Bound Program, said Urina F. Holt, VUB Director. "It is important that we give back to our veterans and providing them with resources to help accomplish their educational goals is a great way to do that."

SUSLA's VUB program is also hosting a veteran's resource fair on the main campus at the end of the month. To learn more about the Veteran Upward Bound Program at SUSLA, contact Urina F. Holt, Director at uholt@susla.edu, 318-670-9633 or 318-670-9674.

SUSLA TAKES REGISTRATION TO STUDENTS WITH “REGISTER FOR FALL AT THE MALL” A REGISTRATION ONE-STOP EVENT

SUSLA Admissions, Financial Aid, Recruitment, TRIO, Athletics, and volunteer faculty, staff, and students spent Saturday August 11th at Pierre Bossier Mall in Bossier City and Mall St. Vincent in Shreveport helping students get into classes for the fall.

Four scholarships were given away along with several other prizes from the prize wheel at both mall locations. Prospective students were able to learn more about the over 30 programs offered at SUSLA.

“Our goal was to provide prospective students, an efficient and fun way to enroll for the fall semester,” said Dr. Melva Williams, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management at Southern University at Shreveport. *“We are meeting students in a location that is convenient for them and providing the assistance they need without them having to come to campus to register.”*



Representatives answered questions, helped students get admitted, assisted students with applying for financial aid, and registered students for their classes. It was a great way for prospective students to get information and assistance on a variety of popular high wage and high demand academic programs.

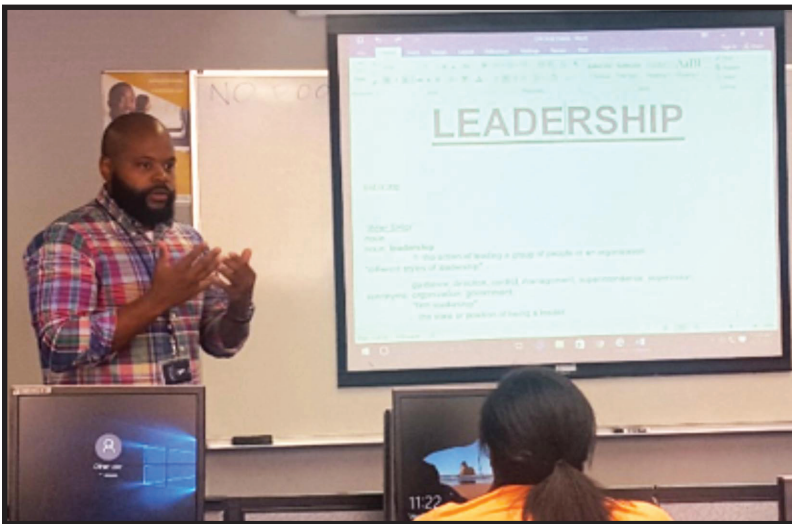


With over 100 online courses plus evening classes, it is easy for students to get an education anytime and anywhere. SUSLA also offers state of the art on campus student apartments, sports, a marching band, cheer, dance and so much more.

SUSLA'S ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM PROVIDES STUDENTS WITH LIFE SKILLS

SUSLA's Adult Education Program/Youth Network Initiative (YNI) Program offers students much more than just assistance with getting their high school diploma. Student participating in these programs are mentored by successful adults in a variety of life skills.

The focus of the most recent Life Skills learning session was leadership. Guest speakers focused on practical application experiences, job and career opportunities. A panel of diverse speakers from SUSLA and the community were invited to engage the students during the session.



The week started with retired Air Force veteran and entrepreneur, Mr. Vincent Sims. Sims shared information on the importance of being the type of leader that had a clear vision and could inspire others. He left the students with the Three (I's) of leadership... Inspire, Influence and Involve.

The next speaker was Chief Edward Reynolds, SUSLA's new Chief of Police. The Chief's comments focused on determination, focused, and long range planning to reach your goals.



Mr. Ryan Williams, CEO of Seedlinks Behavior Management LLC, and Human Service/Community Advocate from the Martin Luther King area engaged the students with his own personal experiences from youth to manhood.

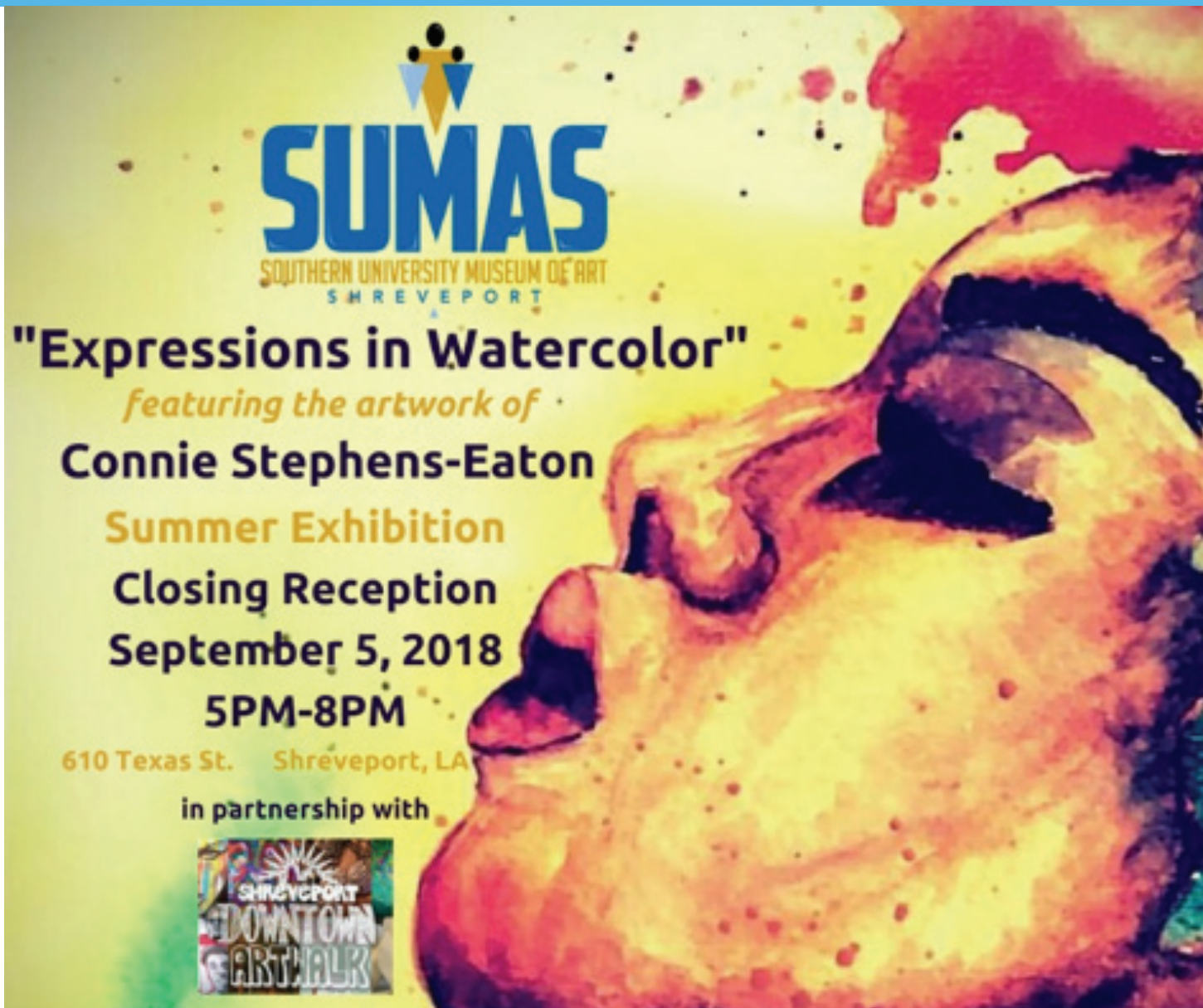


The last speaker was Ms. Fatina Elliot, Coordinator for the Academy of Excellence at SUSLA. Her professional and polished style was educational yet fun and inviting for the students. Elliot explained the importance of leading with confidence while being positive and motivating others towards a common goal.



The week concluded with the session, "*Lead Your Life in a Way That Others Will Follow.*" The Adult Education/Youth Network Initiative Program is in the Division of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management

For more information and to schedule an event at the Academy of Excellence, contact Fatina Elliott Coordinator, at (318) 670-9376



‘EXPRESSIONS IN WATERCOLOR’ CLOSING RECEPTION

Southern University Museum of Art Shreveport (SUMAS) will host ‘Expressions in Watercolor’ exhibit closing reception, featuring the visual art and jewelry of visual artist Connie Stephens-Eaton on Wednesday, September 5, 2018, 5:00 p.m - 8:00 p.m.

A self-taught artist and native of Natchitoches, Louisiana, Connie Stephens-Eaton started drawing at the age of 4, where she found solitude in her art. She is a multi-medium artist working in oils, acrylics, watercolor, pen and ink, and pastels. Her artwork is featured across the nation in the form portraits, murals, and commissioned work in both public and private spaces. Connie is a Northwest Louisiana Juried Roster Artist with the Shreveport Regional Arts Council, an Art instructor at Bossier Parish Community College, and Noel Community Art Program. She is also the proud owner of Creations by Connie wearable art—a thriving jewelry business for 8 yrs.

The closing reception will be held in partnership with the monthly Downtown Shreveport Artwalk.

*“SUMAS was honored to showcase the artwork and jewelry creations of visual artist Connie Stephens-Eaton as part of our annual summer exhibition”
said Angelique Feaster Evans, SUMAS Museum Coordinator.*



SUSLA 2018/2019 STAFF SENATE IS INSTALLED

The 2018-2019 Staff Senate Executive Committee members were sworn in on July 23rd by Judge Karelia Stewart at SUMAS downtown.



PRESIDENT – SAUNDRA BIGHAM

Saundra has been employed at SUSLA for over 20 years. She currently serves in the position; Director of Dual Enrollment/Early College. She has also served as Director – Workforce Development/Governmental Affairs Liaison and the Director of Hospitality Programs.



VICE PRESIDENT – MARQUIS HALL

Marquis has worked for SUSLA for 10 years. He currently serves as the Coordinator of Testing. He has been the Cheer Coach for 10 years and the Dance Coach for 6 years.



SENATE SECRETARY and SENATOR – ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS - CARL OWENS

Owens has been employed with Southern University at Shreveport since August 2001. He currently serves as the Administrative Assistant to Dr. Lonnie McCray, Dean of Humanities. He has a total of 36 years with the state of Louisiana



TREASURER- MARLO MILLER

Marlo has been employed at SUSLA for 4 years and currently works as Grants Coordinator in the Office of Sponsored Programs, in the division of R.S.P.I.E., managing the Perkins & Title III federal grants for the SUSLA campus. Marlo previously served as Banner Coordinator of Financial Aid and S.A.P. Committee Coordinator has also served as Veteran's Affairs Representative in Registrar's Office.



PARLIAMENTARIAN – WILLIE SIGLAR

Willie Siglar joined the SUSLA family almost 14 years ago and has been helping students achieve their educational goals. As an Educational Advisor with the TRiO Talent Search program, he spent over a decade working with youth in grades 6-12. His current role is Student Success Coach.



SENATOR –DIRECTORS - ANGELIQUE FEASTER EVANS

Angelique Feaster Evans is the Museum Coordinator at Southern University Museum of Art Shreveport. She has been employed with SUSLA for nearly four years.



SENATOR – BUSINESS – Elijah Teh-Teh

Elijah joined the staff at SUSLA January 2009. He has served on several committees including: Campus Climate committee and Staff grievance committee. He is now serving as the IT Network Manager for SUSLA

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SENATOR – MAINTENANCE – BOBBY BROWN

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



SENATOR - SECURITY - JEFF IVEY

Jeff Ivey has served the SUSLA community for 13 years as Lieutenant/Campus Police.



SENATOR – UNIVERSITY SUPPORT – REBECCA GILLIAM

Rebecca became a Jaguar in October 2001 as an Administrative Assistant and now serves as the Director of Student Activities.



NEW EMPLOYEE Welcome & PROMOTION



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of History



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Recruitment

**On behalf of the entire administration, faculty, staff and students
WELCOME TO JAGUAR NATION!**



UPWARD BOUND SOUTH

On the move!

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UPWARD BOUND SOUTH CELEBRATES COLLEGE SIGNING DAY

TRiO Upward Bound South is so proud to announce the graduation of eleven seniors from Upward Bound area target schools. Each of the eleven students attended the 2018 summer session here at SUSLA.



Pictured l. to r. Mrs. Bobbie Lattier, Coordinator/Educational Advocate, Mrs. Betty Fagbeyiro, Executive Director, TRiO Community Outreach Programs/Director of Upward Bound South and Upward Bound Natchitoches, Alliyah Holland (Woodlawn High School), Elaine Hamilton (Woodlawn High School), Carrington Thornton (Southwood High School), Ar'lia Holmes (Southwood High School), Trinity Williams (Southwood High School), Marcus Tobin Jr (Southwood High School), Marshainna George (Huntington High School) and Mrs. Deborah Moore, Educational Advocate.

TRiO COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAMS VISIT UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT SAN ANTONIO AS PART OF SUMMER CULTURAL ENRICHMENT SERIES

Southern University at Shreveport Upward Bound North, Upward Bound South, Upward Bound Natchitoches, Upward Bound DeSoto and Upward Bound Sabine Programs combined nearly 200 students and chaperones for an educational and engaging summer cultural enrichment experience.

The group traveled to the University of Texas at San Antonio campus where they met with campus representatives, toured the campus, and learn more about the educational opportunities offered at the university. During their time in Texas, the students also visited the Texas state capital building, participated in Six Flags Physics In Motion, and toured the Alamo.

Cultural enrichment activities are part of all of the Upward Bound programs and are designed to foster fellowship among peers, enhance analytical and critical thinking skills, support positive self-esteem, and help participants with leadership development.

UPWARD BOUND SOUTH STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN LABORATORY DISSECTION

Upward Bound South offered students the unique opportunity to perform a pig dissection as part of a student laboratory facilitated by science professor, Dr. Ashely Fitzgerald from LSU-Shreveport.

This scientific experience was intended to expose students to a learning environment on the post-secondary level of education. It also introduced students to basic human anatomy structure and terminology



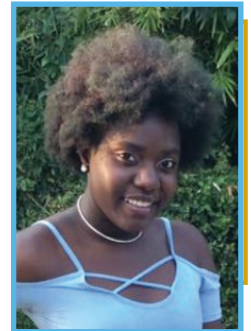
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CONGRATULATIONS Student of the Month

MISS SUSLA SOPHOMORE SHANECIA SMITH

Shaneicia is a native of Shreveport and graduated May 2016 from Southwood High School. Her major is Criminal Justice and she plans to become a homicide detective. Shanceicia will transfer to

Southern University Baton Rouge to complete her education. Her hobbies include being a youth advisor for GOMAD (Go Out and Make A Difference), shopping, singing, and dancing. Ms. Smith is a cheerleader for SUSLA and is the reigning Miss Sophomore.



JAGUAR of the MONTH

Rodney A. Ellis, Ed.D., Chancellor recognizes

“Jaguar of the Month”

LIEUTENANT JEFF IVEY

Reliable, dependable, friendly, and loves SUSLA!

These are the words many employees and visitors have used to describe Lt. Ivey. Ivey has worked at SUSLA for the past 15 years. He began as a police officer 2 and has been a lieutenant for the past 7 years. Prior to SUSLA, Ivey worked in the Detective Division of the Caddo Sheriff’s Office for 12 years. He is married, has four children and, seven grandchildren. As a testament to his commitment as a father and grandfather, Mr. Ivey spends time with all of his grandchildren every Saturday for several hours. He is a deacon at Mt. Bethel, #1 in Keithville, LA.

Aside from his commitment to family and church, Lt. Ivey is committed to SUSLA. Dr. Joseph Silver (SACSCOC Consultant) stated how hospitable Lt. Ivey was during his visit and that he was a “perfect example of how an employee.” This statement has been echoed by many visitors on campus as well as faculty and staff. Mr. Larry Ferdinand expressed his appreciation for Lt. Ivey and his assistance with traffic and visitors on campus during the summer camps this year. *“I have observed and benefitted from the hard work of Lt. Ivey, his commitment to service for the campus, and his desire for SUSLA to be at its best”*, Leslie McClellon. ***Congratulations Lt. Ivey!***





Founder's Pinning Ceremony & Luncheon



EVENT INFORMATION

Petroleum Club | 416 Travis Street | Shreveport, LA

11:00 am

Registration / On-site Memberships

11:30 am

Luncheon and Pinning Ceremony

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RSVP: npamstar@yahoo.com | tichinawilliams@sbcglobal.net

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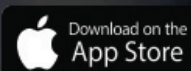
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