

## 51<sup>st</sup> Coronation Ceremony



*Dr. Ellis, Chancellor crowns Queen Caitlyn Kathleen Jones at 51st Crowning Ceremony*

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# 51ST CORONATION: "THE RISE OF A NEW ROYAL LEGACY" BRINGS CROWNING OF NEW QUEEN



On November 1, 2018, the 51st crowning ceremony of Ms. Southern University Shreveport paved the way for "The Rise of a New Royal Legacy". New Queen Caitlyn Kathleen Jones was crowned Miss SUSLA as members of her Royal Court, guest courts from SUBR and SUNO, as well as royalty from local krewes and adoring family and friends hailed the new Queen. Dr. Ellis provided the ceremonial "first dance" followed by a dance from the Queen's Uncle. Queen Caitlyn was showered with gifts from Administrators and friends that was "fit for a Queen"

*Queen Caitlyn Kathleen Jones*  
Miss SUSLA 2018-2019



(L to R) : Mr. D'Arius Roland and Alexis Claggett- Miss Freshman, Queen Caitlyn Kathleen Jones, Adrian Edwards - SGA Chief of Staff, Shaneicia Moore - Miss Sophomore and Mr. Wendell Holmes



Queen Caitlyn and her Royal Court with SUSLA sweethearts and escorts.

## SUSLA CELEBRATES INTERNATIONAL STUDENT WEEK

The SUSLA campus honored International Education Week November 14th with a special potluck celebration hosted and sponsored by SUSLA Baptist Collegiate Ministry. The celebration featured music, a dance competition, fashion show, and delicious foods from a variety of countries. Organizers of the event were excited to offer our international students a platform to share a piece of their culture with the rest of the campus.

*“SUSLA’s international student population is on the rise, said Dr. Melva Williams, Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs. “Events like this one are a great way to celebrate our diversity and make students from around the world feel welcome on our campus.”*



## THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON: “AN INTERNATIONAL HOLIDAY”

On November 19, faculty members Dr. Barry Hester and JoAnn Warren chaired the 2018 Thanksgiving Luncheon with the theme, *“An International Holiday”*. Employees brought dishes to share that were traditional (and non-traditional) favorites from their own family Thanksgiving gatherings. The event kicked off the holiday season with great food and fellowship.

Dr. Rodney A. Ellis and chairs JoAnn Brown and Dr. Barry Hester offer greetings



## McCLELLAN RECEIVES GREATER SHREVEPORT CHAMBER AWARD

For more than 30 years, the Greater Shreveport Chamber of Commerce has been identifying and preparing future leaders through its Greater Shreveport Leadership Program (GSLP). The vision of the program is to provide an inclusive region with a strong economy stimulated by progressive leadership; the mission is to foster a commitment to a life of community service through leadership. GSLP goals are to Identify, motivate and develop community leaders; Expand the leadership abilities of participants through educational programs, exposure to existing leadership and civic organizations, and in-depth discussions of relevant issues; Improve communication among leaders; and Provide a channel for participants to gain access to leadership opportunities and become involved in the development of solutions for community challenges.



Leslie R. McClellan  
Chief Operational Officer

GSLP held its 41st class graduation ceremony, Tuesday, November 13th, 2018 at The Shreve-



port Club. Included in the 41st GSLP class is SUSLA executive team leader, Ms. Leslie R. McClellon. Ms. McClellon was selected by the Chamber and participated in the program throughout the year. During the year, participants learned more about Shreveport's Community History, Education, Economic Development & Transportation, Healthcare & Welfare, Legislative Affairs, Local Government & Community Development, and Media/Communications.

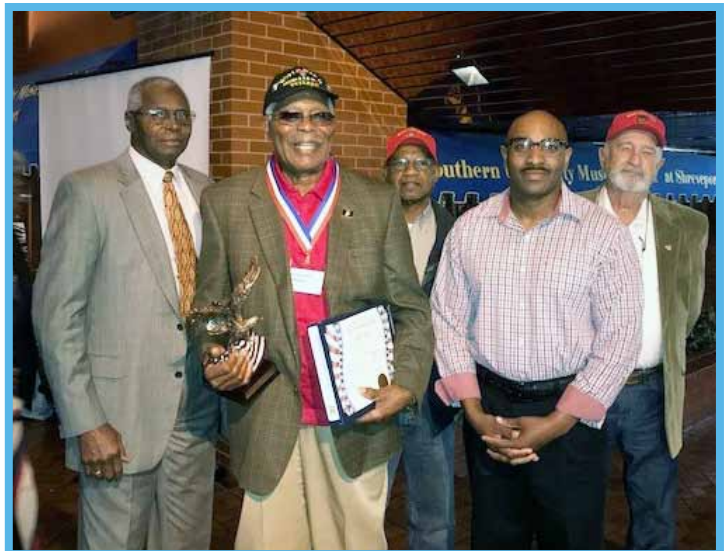
Attendees from SUSLA at the event were (L to R):

Dr. Regina Robinson, Mrs. Brandy Jacobsen and Ms. Linzola Winzer. Ms. McClellon stated, "GSLP was valuable for me to learn more about the Shreveport/Bossier area as well as our state. I am honored to have participated in this program and look forward to serving our great community." Ms. McClellon will serve as a Junior Coordinator for the 2019 GSLP class.

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## VETERANS UPWARD HONORS THOSE WHO SERVED

On Monday, November 12, 2018, SUSLA'S Upward Bound Program honored Veterans for their dedication and service. Organized by program director Urina Holt and staff at SUSLA's Metro Center, the event was widely attended by veterans, their family members, community members and SUSLA employees. Also in attendance were U.S. War Veterans (pictured in photo left to right: Willie G. Wynn, Vietnam War; Cleauthor Sanders, WWII; Curtis Adger, Vietnam War; Robert Moore, Iraq War; Jim Phillips, Vietnam War)



## SUSLA ALUMNI SPECIAL DINNER HONORS ELDER, PINS NEW LIFETIME MEMBERS



When SUSLA Alumni Lifetime Member Charles Anderson, III (SUSBO, SU A&M grad.) considered how he wanted to honor his father, Charles Anderson, Jr. for a lifetime of love, guidance and support, he could only think of one thing – A honorary lifetime membership in the newly formed SUSLA Alumni Association. In true Jaguar style, SUSLA Alumni Association President Tony Williams rallied the troops to help his fellow alum to roll out the “**Gold**” carpet the elder Anderson. In a packed house of family, friends President Williams, joined by Dr. Ellis, pinned the elder Charles Anderson, III presenting him and other new Lifetime members with exclusive Jaguar Gold jackets and Lifetime Pins.



## WILLIAMS CENTER FOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT STUDENTS GIVE BACK



While students in the Williams Center are taught to excel in the classroom to achieve academic excellence, they are also expected to excel in the community through caring and service to others. Program Director Ted Scott recently led the students – members of the fall 2018 cohort – during a day of caring to assist an elderly resident with general clean up and removal of debris from around her property which had piled up over time.



(Pictured L-R: Dr. Rodney Ellis, Chancellor; Stephanie Rogers Chief Advancement Officer; Kenyatta Washington, Business Student/Intern; Dr. Barry Hester, Program Chair)

## **GRIGGS ENTERPRISE / MCDONALDS BUSINESS LEADERSHIP INTERNS PREPARE TO LEAD**

Kenyatta Washington, a Business major with a concentration in Accounting, is learning real work skills in a real world environment at the corporate headquarters of Griggs Enterprise, Inc. The program trains business students and those who possess leadership skills on the business side of restaurant management and hospitality. SUSLA has two Business students employed in the program with four additional students slated to begin work in restaurants throughout the city.

Owned by Mr. Roy Griggs, Griggs Enterprise, Inc. is the largest franchise operating McDonald's restaurants in Northwest Louisiana.



**For more information on how to apply for the  
Griggs Enterprise / McDonald's Business Internship Program  
contact:**

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## SUSLA CONNECT ATTENDS NATIONAL CAREER PATHWAYS CONFERENCE

The National Career Pathways Network (NCPN) Conference was held October 9 - 12, 2018 in Louisville, KY. The theme, "Career Pathways: Creating Connections, Building Futures" was echoed throughout the conference and served as the focal point for five Jaguars who also received certification in "Career Pathways Leadership". There were four major areas covered at the conference. They ranged from Career Counseling/Advising and Development to Designing and Delivering Programs that would offer adults a clear "pathway" to a career based on their interests, values and abilities. For the development of career pathways to be a success, institutions would develop partnerships with community leaders and potential employers. The entire process is designed to provide Louisiana with more well-trained employees who are vital to building the economy for Shreveport, surrounding cities and states.



Shown in the photo (from left to right are: Everett Spells with Aerospace Technology, Claudia Maness - NCPN Associate Director, Ann Westrich - Career Prep and Career Transition Education Director with the Wisconsin Technical College System, Vanessa Leggett with the SU College Connect Program, Sheila Swift with Radiology Technology, LaTanya Brittentine with Health Information Technology/Medical Coding I, and Aylwin Holmon with the Business Studies - Accounting Department.

### THE SU COLLEGE CONNECT PROGRAM PARTNERS WITH SUBR TO OFFER SECOND SU CONNECT TRANSFER FAIR

On Tuesday – November 13th, over 60 students in the Connect Program sat eagerly to hear what MUST be done to meet the criteria for transfer. Representatives from the offices of Admissions, Financial Aid, and Advising also greeted attendees and shared vital information to help ensure a seamless transfer experience into SUBR and other four-year institutions. SUBR's new Director of First and Second Year Experience Zackeus D. Johnson, helped welcome students who "might" transfer in the spring.

Program Director, Vanessa Leggett says, ***"This is an exciting time for Connect, because the numbers of those who might transfer are at an all-time high"***.

# THE HUMAN SERVICES DEGREE PROGRAM HOST 2018 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SYMPOSIUM

The students, program directors, and faculty from the Human Services Degree Program recently held a rally to lift their voices against domestic violence.



The event generated a packed room of attendees who came together in solidarity to increase awareness surrounding domestic abuse, including date violence.



Experts joined the roundtable discussion with enthusiasm to enlighten the students with their expertise in Domestic Violence Advocacy. The agencies in participation were: Project Celebration, Inc., Life Changing Solutions, Inc., Social Work Professionals, LLC, and SUSLA Law Enforcement. Let's applaud our Human Services Students here at SUSLA for a **JOB WELL DONE!**



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# *Congratulations!*

## **JAGUAR of the YEAR**

**Dr. Rodney A. Ellis, Chancellor  
is pleased to announce Lieut. Jeff Ivey  
As “Jaguar of the Year!”**

*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!**

## **Student of the Month**

Stephen Boxley, a new transfer student from Grambling State University, came to Southern University at Shreveport La (SUSLA) to pursue an Associate Degree in General Studies with a concentration in Education, which he plans to receive in December 2018. In spring 2019, Mr. Boxley plans to continue his studies at SUSLA toward an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Radiologic Technology.



Mr. Boxley has worked as a Peer Coach in the Center for Student Success since his enrollment in fall 2018. He says that what he enjoys most about his job is the “opportunity to share his collegiate experiences with incoming freshmen”, who he feels are very receptive to his ability to communicate on a level that they understand and appreciate.

Mr. Boxley is very dedicated worker and the Center staff expects great things from him during the ensuing semesters. He has recently been awarded the designation of **“Jaguar Peer Coach All Stars”** by the Center for Student Success for his contributions to the incoming freshmen.

# Fall to Spring

Register  
**NOW**

**12.1.18**

**10:00 am - 3:00 pm**

(Two locations)

**Mall St. Vincent**

**Pierre Bossier Mall**

(SUSLA representatives will be onsite at both locations to help you register).

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*Happy Holidays!*

2018 Annual  
*Christmas Party*

**Thursday, December 6, 2018**

**SUMAS**

Southern University Museum of Art Shreveport  
610 Texas Street, Shreveport, LA \* 7:00 pm - 11:00 pm

Entertainment by DJ "Bedrock"

Please bring an unwrapped toy for donation (Ages 1 -14)

RSVP: [afeaster@susla.edu](mailto:afeaster@susla.edu) • Required by: **Tuesday, December 4, 2018 - 12 noon**

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