



SOUTHERN  
UNIVERSITY  
at Shreveport

CHANCELLOR'S REPORT  
**REIMAGINE**  
**SUSLA**

**JULY 2025**



# SUSLA Priorities



## Priority 1

### **INCREASING ENROLLMENT:**

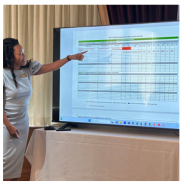
A vibrant and diverse student body is the heart of any successful institution.



## Priority 2

### **ADOPTING A STUDENT-CENTRIC APPROACH:**

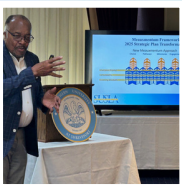
By putting students' needs, aspirations, and success first, we can provide them with a holistic and impactful educational journey.



## Priority 3

### **ATTRACT QUALIFIED EDUCATORS & PROFESSIONALS AND RETAIN TALENTED EMPLOYEES:**

A strong academic community begins with outstanding educators and professionals.



## Priority 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.



## Priority 5

### **ENHANCING CUSTOMER SERVICE AND STEWARDSHIP OF PLACE:**

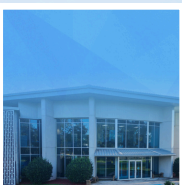
Providing exceptional service to our students, faculty, staff, and stakeholders is paramount as well as an understanding that what is good for the community is good for SUSLA.



## Priority 6

### **CULTIVATING RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN FACULTY AND STAFF:**

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



## Priority 7

### **INVESTING IN INFRASTRUCTURE AND FACILITIES:**

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





# CHANCELLOR'S MESSAGE

As we prepare to roll out Reimagine SUSLA 2030, I want to share how proud I am of the collaborative effort that has gone into shaping this new strategic plan. Over the past several months, we have dedicated significant time and energy to planning, working closely with leaders across all areas of the campus to gather input and ensure the plan reflects our shared vision for the future.

The summer has been a critical period for us, serving as a time to refine our strategies and lay the groundwork for the upcoming academic year. This preparation is vital as we eagerly anticipate welcoming our students back this fall, ready to support their success and growth.

Reimagine SUSLA 2030 represents our commitment to Innovation, Alignment, and Excellence. It is a blueprint for transforming our university into a more student-centered, community-focused, and future-ready institution. I look forward to engaging with all of you as we embark on this exciting journey together, transforming our goals into reality.

Thank you for your ongoing dedication and support.

Together, we will Reimagine SUSLA 2030 and shape a brighter future for our university and community.

**Dr. Aubra J. Gantt**  
Chancellor



# Chat with Chancellor

At SUSLA, adopting a student-centered approach is a top priority for our Chancellor, Dr. Aubra J. Gantt. This commitment was the focus of a recent conversation between students and Dr. Gantt. During the engaging session, Dr. Gantt shared the story of beginning her college career at SUSLA, her vision, priorities, and upcoming campus improvements. Students asked questions, shared feedback, and offered innovative ideas to improve campus life.

Fostering open dialogue and creating a community where students' voices are heard is essential to our mission. Events like "Chat with the Chancellor" exemplify SUSLA's dedication to building a campus environment that values and empowers every student.





# SUSLA's FREE Summer STEM Enrichment Academy Inspired Future Innovators

This summer, Southern University at Shreveport (SUSLA) empowered the next generation of scientists, engineers, and technology leaders through its **FREE Summer STEM Enrichment Academy**. A cohort of 35 talented students from 8th to 12th grade participated in an exciting program that immersed them in the world of STEM, allowing them to explore innovative fields and unleash their creativity.

Spearheaded by Dr. Kenie Moses and his dedicated team, the program was made possible through the generous support of grants from AEP and CenterPoint Energy. Throughout the academy, students gained hands-on experience with cutting-edge technologies such as 3D printing, Mechatronics Engineering (robotics), Drone Engineering Technology, and more. These young minds went beyond theory, actively building, designing, and experimenting with real-world applications, fostering a deep passion for science, technology, engineering, and math.

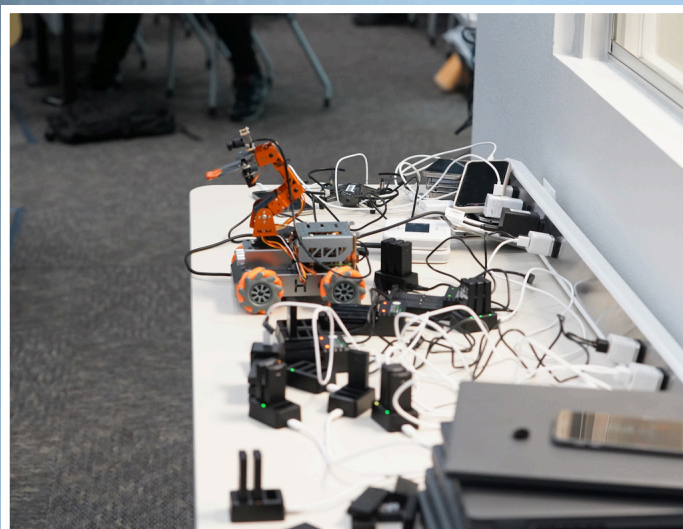
Through this dynamic program, students developed critical skills that prepared them for college and careers in high-demand fields. With each project, experiment, and exploration, they helped shape a brighter, more innovative future, and SUSLA was proud to be a part of their journey.

This summer's academy exemplified SUSLA's commitment to fostering STEM education and creating pathways for youth to succeed in tomorrow's technological world.





# SUSLA's FREE Summer STEM Enrichment Academy Inspired Future Innovators





# Food Tasting Event at SUSLA Helps Shape Future Dining Options

A group of students, faculty, and staff gathered at Southern University at Shreveport for a special food tasting event. The purpose of the event was to sample dishes from three different vendors, showcasing their food for the opportunity to become the new food service provider for SUSLA's Jaguar Café and the SU System.

As part of the university's upcoming partnership selection, attendees evaluated each vendor's offerings based on variety, quality, and overall appeal. Participants provided valuable feedback to help guide the decision-making process, ensuring that the chosen provider will meet the needs and preferences of the campus community.

This initiative is part of SUSLA's broader effort to enhance the campus dining experience. The goal is to offer students, faculty, and staff healthy, delicious, and convenient meal options in the future, contributing to a more vibrant and satisfying campus environment.





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# FALL 2025

## NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

Southern University at Shreveport warmly welcomed its newest students with an engaging and memorable orientation. The day provided students with an opportunity to meet some of SUSLA's dedicated faculty and staff, fostering connections that will support their academic journey.

A highlight of the event was a keynote address from Dr. Aubra J. Gantt, SUSLA's Chancellor. She shared her inspiring journey to becoming the university's leader, drawing from her own experiences as a former SUSLA student. Her story served to motivate and inspire students as they embarked on their college experience.

Captain Jeff Ivey from University Police also spoke to parents and students, assuring them that SUSLA is a safe and secure environment for everyone on campus. His message helped foster confidence and peace of mind for families.

The orientation was packed with energy, featuring breakout sessions for each division, which offered students a closer look at the programs and resources available to them. Participants also took a guided campus tour, exploring the vibrant SUSLA community and getting acclimated to their new environment.

As a special incentive, a laptop was raffled off during the event, adding an exciting touch to the day. We are thrilled to officially welcome our newest students to the SUSLA family and look forward to witnessing all the incredible things they will accomplish during their time with us.



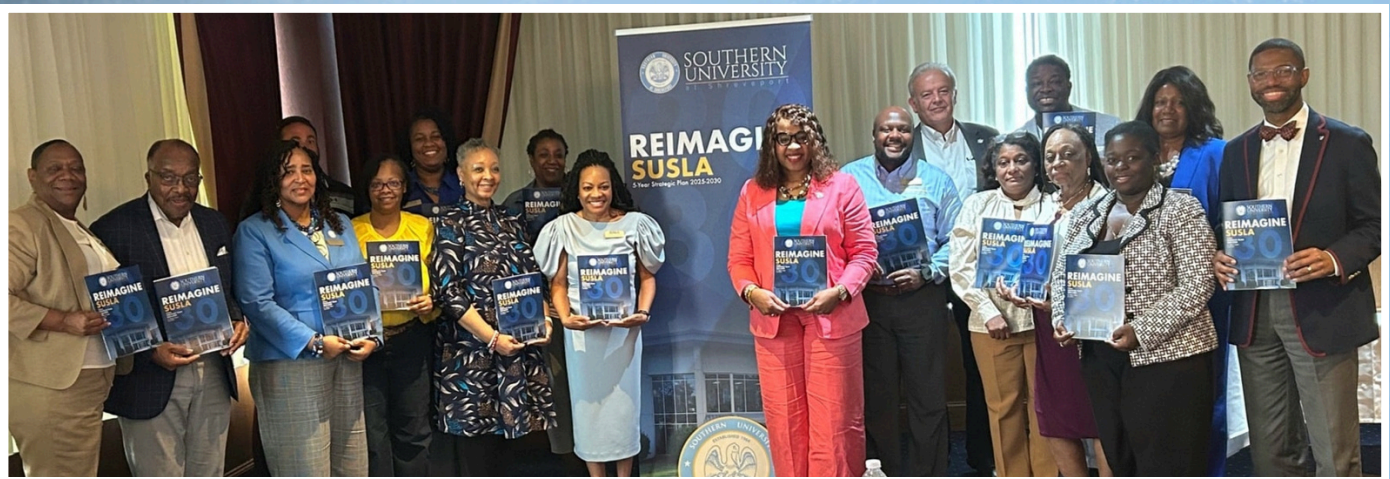


# The Reimagine SUSLA 2030 Strategic Plan!

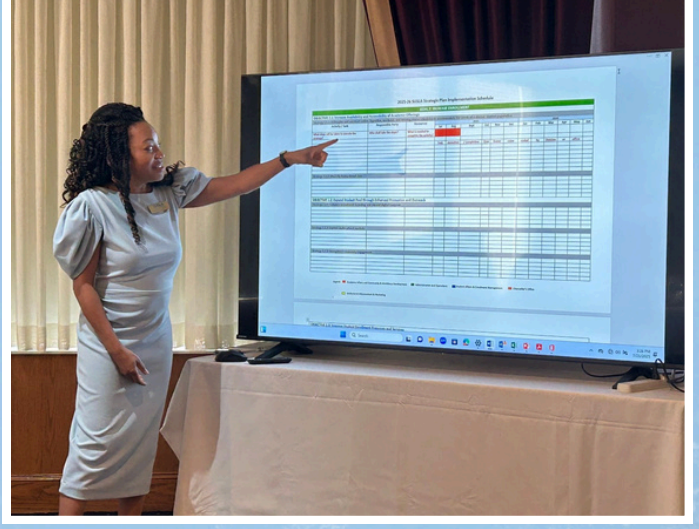
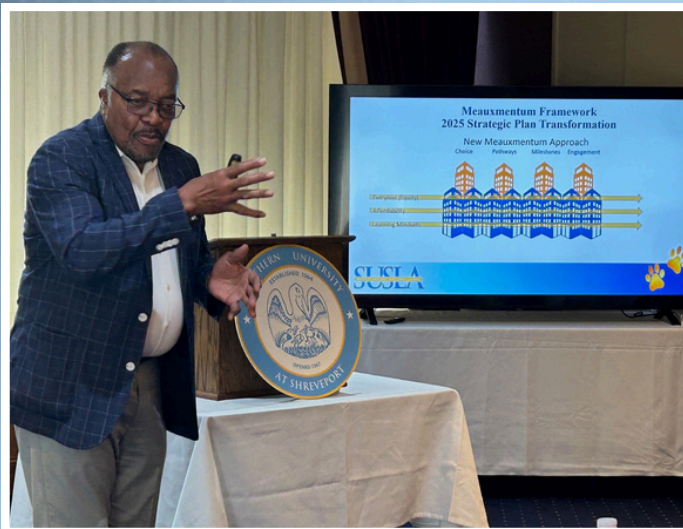
We are thrilled to announce the upcoming rollout of the Reimagine SUSLA 2030 Strategic Plan, our first comprehensive strategic framework since 2019. This plan will serve as a powerful road map for enhancing student outcomes and increase institutional effectiveness, vital steps toward shaping the bright future of SUSLA!

The recent Reimagine SUSLA Leadership Retreat was a pivotal event focused on aligning our vision and strategies for growth. Attendees gained valuable knowledge and inspiring insights from outstanding speakers, including Dr. Regina Robinson, Mr. Major Brock, Dr. Devonye Brown, Mrs. Helen Godfrey Smith, and Ms. Anouk Brumfield. Their impactful words motivated Dr. Aubra J. Gantt and SUSLA's leadership team to grow, innovate, and elevate the university to the next level.

With this innovative strategic plan on the horizon, SUSLA is poised for a new chapter of success, engagement, and community impact. Stay tuned for exciting initiatives and transformative advancements coming soon as we reimagine the future of SUSLA!









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