

Chancellor's Report



FALL 2022 ENROLLMENT

3,199 PAID STUDENTS

HIGHEST ENROLLMENT IN THE LAST 6 YEARS

3RD HIGHEST ENROLLMENT IN THE HISTORY OF SUSLA

3,199

PAID STUDENTS

3rd Highest Enrollment in School History

6-YEAR HIGH

Fall 2022: 3,199

Fall 2021: 2,745

Fall 2020: 2,457

Fall 2019: 2,932

Fall 2018: 2,651

Fall 2017: 3,013

ENROLLMENT BY LOCATION

**56 of 64
Parishes
Represented**

**23 States
Represented**

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (11/06/2022)

Total Headcount

↑ **16.54%**

Dual Enrollment

↑ **18.66%**

Continuing Students

↑ **20.53%**

First Time Freshmen

↑ **2.55%**

Transfers-In

↑ **10.98%**

BREAKING ENROLLMENT RECORDS:

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SUSLA'S INTERIM CHANCELLOR, DR. VLADIMIR A. APPEANING IS SWORN AS A MEMBER OF THE LOUISIANA HBCU ADVISORY COUNCIL



PICTURED: DR. VLADIMIR A. APPEANING, INTERIM CHANCELLOR OF SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY AT SHREVEPORT

On Tuesday, October 25, 2022, Southern University at Shreveport's (SUSLA's) Interim Chancellor, Dr. Vladimir A. Appeaning, was appointed to Louisiana's Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) Advisory Council to focus on ways to strengthen the capacity of Louisiana's eight (8) Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), both public and private:

- Dillard University
- Grambling State University
- Southern University and A&M College
- Southern Agriculture Research and Extension Center
- Southern Law Center
- Southern University at New Orleans
- Southern University at Shreveport
- Xavier University of Louisiana
- Southern University System – the nation's only HBCU System



PICTURED ON COVER: SUSLA'S FALL 2022 ENROLLMENT INFOGRAPH

SUSLA'S SPOTLIGHT: THE WILLIAMS CENTER FOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT



The Williams Center for Undergraduate Student Achievement (WCUSA) was established in 2017 at SUSLA by Southern University alumni Tina and Anthony “Tony” Williams. The couple donated \$25,000.00 to establish the Center. WCUSA serves as a conduit to discipline, training, teaching and serving at-risk minority males to increase their presence in STEM fields (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics), Education, and Allied Health.

Students participating in the WCUSA receive academic and financial support, mentorship, professional development, and community service opportunities. These services are intended to increase their chances of completing their educational program at SUSLA and successfully matriculating to Southern University at Baton Rouge (SUBR), Southern University at New Orleans (SUNO), or any other four-year institution of their choice.

The Williams Center Advisory Board of Directors is instrumental in strategizing and assisting in meeting program goals and objectives. The Williams Center Board members are Thurston Jones (Chairman), Tina Williams, Tony Williams, Alexis Medina, Reverend James Brown, Ted L. Scott, Dr. Rodney Ellis, Allison Swanson, Tichina Simon, and James Hayes. Their focus and dedication have powerfully impacted the program.

Ted L. Scott has served as the Director of WCUSA for four years. Under his leadership, The Williams Center has enrolled and mentored 36 young men. There are currently fifteen Williams Scholars in the program. The Williams Center student retention rate is 86%. Eleven students have graduated and transferred to 4-year institutions, including SUBR and SUNO. With funding assistance from grants and donors, WCUSA has awarded nearly \$80,000 in scholarships and stipends to its students.

A prime mentorship program objective involves exposing Williams Scholars to positive professional Black male role models. Over the years, the Williams Center program has brought in motivational speakers from various occupations to speak on various topics including: time management, financial awareness, and setting academic and career goals.

WCUSA received a glowing evaluation report from Howard University’s Ronald W. Walters Leadership and Public Policy Center. [Five-Fifths Agenda for America: Evaluation of the Williams Center for Undergraduate Student Achievement].

SUSLA HONORS BREAST CANCER SURVIVORS DURING BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

PROGRAM

Welcome/Occasion — Mr. Jacoby Tubbs,
Executive Director of TRIO Educational Talent Search & Upward Bound

Opening Prayer----- Mr. Ted Scott
Director of the Williams Center

Processional-----SUSLA SURVIVORS

Tribute To Survivors-----Song
Mr. Dale Lynch, Local Artist and Entrepreneur

Survivor Testimonial-----Jaguar Survivor
Ms. Brenda Wimberly

Tribute to Those Who Lost the Fight-----Soft Music

Introduction of Speaker.....

Breast Cancer Presentation-Dr. Tawana Harris-Glover,
Director of acute Inpatient Services
Christus Good Shepperd Health

Presentations to Speaker and Survivors

Closing Remarks

Refreshments and Photos with friends & family



Ms. Carolyn O'Neal
2 year Survivor. Special Assistant to the Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs.

Member of the Jaguar Nation 25 years.



Ms. Annie Morris
4 year Survivor from our Trio Dept . She is an Educational Specialist in the Talent Search area.

Member of the Jaguar Nation for over 20 years.



Ms. Jane O'Riley
7 Year Survivor , SUSLA Librarian . HER 2 Positive Breast Cancer .

Member of the Jaguar Nation for 21 years



Ms. Brenda Wimberly
9 year survivor as of April 8th..She had carcinoma in both breast. She had Lumpectomy both breast. Music Professor.

Member of the Jaguar Nation for 10 years.

Survived carcinoma in both breast and had Lumpectomy on both breast.



Dr. Barbara Hollis
Asst Professor of Biology , Science & Technology Department .

Member of Jaguar Nation for 17 years.



Linzola Winzer
16 year Survivor. Executive Assistant to the Chancellor, Hormone receptors were positive. Lumpectomy and Treated with the hormone blocking pill (Arimidex and Aromasin) several different rounds of Chemo and Radiation.

Member of the Jaguar Nation for 16 years



SUSLA HONORS BREAST CANCER SURVIVORS DURING BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH (CONTINUED)



SUSLA CELEBRATES HOMECOMING WEEK 2022 — “IT’S A JAG’S WORLD”



SUSLA HONORS COACH DAVID FRANCIS RETIRED HEAD BASKETBALL COACH, 23 YEARS OF SERVICE & 455 WINS



SUSLA HOSTS ITS ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE — JAGUAR PREVIEW DAY



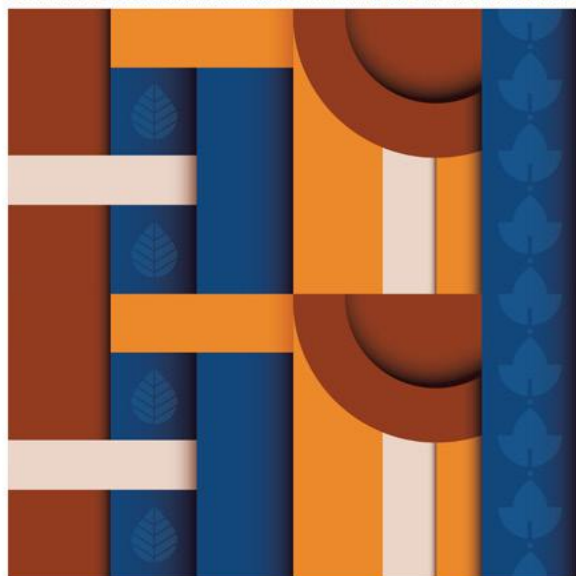
On Wednesday, November 16, 2022, Southern University at Shreveport hosted its Jaguar Preview Day from 9 AM to 2 PM on the main campus. With over 100 participants in attendance, Jaguar Preview Day offered campus tours, giveaways including a drone from the Department of Engineering and Technology, 3D demonstrations, and meetings with each department to inquire about degrees, certificate programs, and career paths. Our future Jaguars were able to explore student life and activities, including the Student Government Association, athletics, band, and Greek life. Prospective students were allowed to enroll the same day for the spring 2023 semester.



SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY MUSEUM OF ART SHREVEPORT (SUMAS) CELEBRATES SUMAS WEEK

“CULTURE CONNECTION: THE LANGUAGE, THE ARTS, THE PEOPLE & TRADITIONS

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY MUSEUM OF ART SHREVEPORT (SUMAS) WEEK



Culture Connection:

THE LANGUAGE,
THE ARTS,
THE PEOPLE &
TRADITIONS

LUNCH & LEARNS | BRING YOUR LUNCH

TUESDAY, NOV 1ST — THURSDAY, NOV 3RD | 12-1 PM

Join us for a daily Lunch & Learn on art and culture at SUMAS! Enjoy food for thought with an interactive introduction to SUMAS, a brief art talk, and a self-guided tour!

NOV 1ST: Brenda Wimberly, *Vocalist*

NOV 2ND: Woodrow Evans & Henry Price, *Visual Artists*

NOV 3RD: Ron Smith, *Visual Artist*

Attendees will be entered into a drawing for a FREE group tour experience!



Southern University Museum of Art Shreveport (SUMAS) celebrated its annual SUMAS Week November 1st - November 3rd, featuring the artwork of African American visual artist Ron Smith through the exhibit, *As for Me: My Journey Back to Art*. The event theme, *Culture Connection: The Language, The Arts, The People & Traditions*, set the tone for a week of lunch and learn interactive sessions at SUMAS located in the West Edge Arts District of Downtown Shreveport, Louisiana. The exhibition will be on display November 1-December 15, 2022.

SUMAS' history began 20 years ago on February 21, 2002, when Dr. Leon R. Tarver, II serving as the Executive Administrator (retired) of the Center of Cultural Heritage and International Programs at Southern University and A & M College was the driving force and the visionary founder of the Southern University Museum of Art at Shreveport. This museum is an integral part of the Southern University System. "In honor of SUMAS Week, we are excited to showcase the dynamic artwork of a native artist, while paying tribute to the spirit of culture." said Angelique Feaster Evans, Museum Coordinator.

SUSLA'S SPOTLIGHT ON CUSTOMER SERVICE EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION THROUGH A CULTURE OF GRATITUDE THEME: UNITED IN SERVICE — THE SPIRIT OF SERVICE



From donuts to superheroes, Employee Appreciation Week at Southern University at Shreveport (SUSLA) included a little bit of everything. During the week of October 17th-21st, SUSLA's Department of Human Resources hosted its monthly faculty and staff appreciation week. Faculty, staff, and campus administrators enthusiastically participated in various activities.

Ms. Quiana B. Skidmore, Interim Human Resources Director, emphasized the Department's commitment to investing in employee development and service throughout the Campus. The event, themed *Good Service Doesn't Scare US*, was chosen to promote a spirit of unity and comradery.

Ms. Skidmore quoted, Maya Angelou, "Every journey begins with a single step." She continued by stating, "When you invest in your employee's morale you get a positive return on that investment. Kindness is contagious and the Office of Human Resources at SUSLA is leading the charge."

"I have always wanted to make an impact and SUSLA has given me the opportunity to improve lives on a greater scale. Encouraging students to pursue better possibilities is why I do this work."

Ms. Tremendous Baker, Customer Service Representative, joined Southern University at Shreveport in 2022. She serves as the interface between the students and the campus departments. Ms. Baker works diligently to exceed customer the expectations of our students.

Ms. Baker joined a team eager to work in an environment where she could redefine processes from the ground up and create new solutions that support the needs of students, faculty, staff, administrators, and external stakeholders.



PICTURED: MS. TREMENDOUS BAKER, CUSTOMER SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE, DEMONSTRATES EXCELLENT CUSTOMER SERVICE



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THE SPIRIT OF SERVICE

OCTOBER 17-21, 2022

MONDAY:

Don't you know you're appreciated?
(Donuts for employees)

TUESDAY:

Be A H.E.R.O. — Helpful, Encouraging, Respectful & Optimistic
(Wear Superhero Clothing/Colors)

WEDNESDAY:

Secret Cheerleader
(Pass each other anonymous notes complimenting excellent work)

THURSDAY:

Jersey / Greek Apparel Day
(Wear your favorite team's gear or Greek letters)

FRIDAY:

Blue & Gold Day
(Wear your favorite SUSLA shirt or school colors to show your Jaguar pride)

GOOD SERVICE DOESN'T SCARE US



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THE SPIRIT OF SERVICE

NOVEMBER 14-18, 2022

MONDAY:

Golden Rule Day

(Perform random acts of kindness)

TUESDAY:

Tailgate Tuesday

(Bring your favorite snack and share with friends)

WEDNESDAY:

Welcoming Wednesday

(Visit a department outside of your division and chat with a co-worker)

THURSDAY:

Tell Me Something Good

(Share something good or exciting that you have learned or done with the SUSLA Marketing Team)

FRIDAY:

Fall Friday

(Wear your favorite fall colors & snap a photo)

THANKFUL FOR ALL OF YOU

LOCAL CHEFS PROVIDE HEALTHY COOKING DEMONSTRATIONS DURING SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER'S BLACK RESTAURANT WEEK



On Saturday, November 5th, MS KICK through SUSLA Continuing Education, hosted “Foodie Fest: The Kid Take Over,” with three local chefs from the Shreveport-Bossier area to commemorate Black Restaurant Week. Over twenty participants, ages 10-14, learned cooking techniques, food safety skills, teamwork, and leadership skills while developing unique holiday menu items.

The participants were grouped in teams of five (5), featuring a different local Chef as the lead instructor for the cooking demonstrations. The chefs were Chef Mosa of Sassi Catering, Chef Joslin of Vegans on the Run, Chef Randall of Krimson Kook, and musical entertainment provided by DJ Cha\$. Each chef brought their own uniqueness and style of cooking while emphasizing the importance of correct knife skills, utilizing fresh vegetables in the preparation of healthy meals, and providing cultural and historical backgrounds of the dishes they were preparing during the Cooking demonstrations.

Southern University at Shreveport’s Milam Street Kitchen Incubator and Community Kitchen (MS KICK) provides access to opportunities, increases economic development, better health & wellness outcomes, and builds community capacity. Community partners include:

PRIMARY PARTNERS

City of Shreveport Office
Of Community Development
City of Shreveport Housing Authority
U.S. Department of Housing (HUD)
MLK Health Center & Pharmacy
Southern University A & M College
Choice Neighborhoods Advisory Board
MS KICK Advisory Board

PROGRAM PARTNERS

CoHabitat Foundation
Southern University AG
Louisiana Restaurant Association
Shreveport Career Solutions
Caddo Parish Schools
Shreveport Regional Arts Council (SRAC)
Shreveport Green
Food Bank of Northwest Louisiana

To learn more about MS KICK, please contact Monique Armand, Interim Executive Director, at 318.670.9780, email mskick@susla.edu, or visit our website at www.mskick.org.

SUSLA'S ALL OF US RESEARCH PROGRAM CELEBRATES WORLD FOOD DAY



It was an excellent afternoon here at Southern University at Shreveport as the *All of Us* Research Program staff, students, faculty, and staff acknowledged the awareness of world hunger. Many people, including traditional and non-traditional college students struggle to feed themselves and their families within the United States. In honor of World Food Day 2022, the *All of Us* Research Program partnered with various restaurants in the Shreveport-Bossier area to provide food and resources to combat food insecurity.

This year's theme was ***Leave NO ONE behind***. World Food Day 2022 marks a year with multiple global challenges, including the COVID-19 pandemic and the consequences of climate change. For more information about the *All of Us* Research Program, please contact, Ms. Yvette Allen, SSS Transfer Advisor and AoU Engagement Manager at yallen@susla.edu or Ms. Johnetta Rhome, SU Ag Regional Coordinator and *All of Us* Research Program Program Lead at johnetta_rhorne@suagcenter.com.

SUSLA'S SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER CELEBRATES WOMEN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESSES



The SUSLA Small Business Development Center (SBDC) offered unique training and celebrated women during October's National Women's Small Business Month. The center hosted a "Women-Owned Small Business Certification Training" on Tuesday, October 25th, at the Southern University at Shreveport's Metro Campus. The facilitator was Jo Ann Lawrence, SBA Louisiana Deputy District Director, who stated, "I do this work because of my passion for seeing small businesses flourish."

Participants learned about building wealth through the Women-Owned Small Business (WOSB) Government Contracting program and the Economically Disadvantaged (EDWOSB) program. "I've never been to a presentation where the facilitator not only talked about certifications and programs, but sat down at the computer to walk us through the process of applying," stated Glenda Graves, a program participant. Nancy Knighten, Vice President and SBA Express Manager at Regions Bank, informed the participants about SBA financial assistance from a lender's perspective. Mrs. Knighten discussed SBA-backed products and the qualifications for applying.

After a full day of training, the participants were treated to a "Woman to Woman" Mixer. The women used this opportunity to share their reasons for starting their businesses, challenges, and opportunities. Lauren G. Jackson, the owner of Purposeful Woman, LLC, was the facilitator and speaker. "I was so honored to share and encourage the ladies to continue pursuing their dreams with precision and purpose," she stated.

SUSLA SBDC provides confidential consultations and business training to entrepreneurs and small business owners in multiple locations across Louisiana. The ultimate goal is small business startups, growth, and expansion.

For more information about the SUSLA SBDC, visit <https://louisianasbdc.org/lbdc-at-southern-university-shreveport> or call (318) 670-9700.



PICTURED (L TO R): SHANNON LEVINGSTON-MCCOWAN, SBDC TRAINING COORDINATOR, JO ANN LAWRENCE, LAUREN JACKSON, AND PAMELA JACKSON, SBDC BUSINESS ADVISOR

SUSLA'S TRiO EDUCATIONAL TALENT SEARCH (ETS) PROGRAM HOSTS ITS ANNUAL SUSLA COLLEGE TOUR AND FAFSA WORKSHOP



PICTURED: CADDO PARISH HIGH SCHOOLERS ENJOYING THEIR WELCOME TO SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY AT SHREVEPORT BY THE TRIO EDUCATIONAL TALENT SEARCH PROGRAM TEAM

Once again, TRiO's Educational Talent Search (ETS) Program had a very successful SUSLA Annual College Tour and FAFSA workshop! On October 4-6, 2022, ETS hosted the following high schools: Booker T. Washington, Green Oaks Performing Arts Academy, Red River, Magnolia, Arcadia, and Woodlawn Leadership Academy. The 11th and 12th-grade students took an extensive tour of Southern University at Shreveport. The staff from Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, Financial Aid, Students Support Services, Student Activities, and the SGA assisted the ETS staff in hosting visiting students. The members of the SUSLA's cheerleading squad had a dance contest with different dance groups from the visiting schools. This experience allowed our visiting students to meet with SUSLA's staff and complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

The ETS event ensured that the target students received the technical assistance necessary for them to complete the FAFSA and ultimately transition seamlessly from high school to college. Special commendations are extended to Director Tonja W. Prudhomme, Ms. Danielle Anderson, Mr. Dameius Morris, and Dr. Terrance Toney.



PICTURED (L TO R): MRS. TONJA W. PRUDHOMME, DIRECTOR OF TRIO EDUCATIONAL TALENT SEARCH, WELCOMED HIGH SCHOOLERS TO SUSLA

MRS. TONJA W. PRUDHOMME, DR. JACOBY TUBBS, AND MR. DAMEIUS MORRIS DEMONSTRATED THEIR JAGUAR PRIDE UPON THE STUDENTS ARRIVAL

DR. KENIE MOSES TRAVELS TO WASHINGTON D.C. FOR NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR'S CONFERENCE



PICTURED (L TO R): DR. KENIE MOSES, DEPARTMENT HEAD OF ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY, AND DR. JARED ASHCROFT, PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR OF PASADENA CITY COLLEGE'S NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION



PICTURED: STUDENT POSTER SESSION AT THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION (NSF) ADVANCEMENT OF TECHNOLOGICAL EDUCATION (ATE) PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

The Department Head of Engineering & Technology, Dr. Kenie Moses, traveled to Washington D.C. and participated in the first, in-person, week-long National Science Foundation (NSF) Advancement of Technological Education (ATE) Principal Investigator's conference. In 2020, SUSLA submitted an NSF proposal titled "Building a Career Pathway from High School into the Workforce for Skilled Technicians in Electrical, Industrial, and Process Engineering Technology," which was awarded in 2021 for \$299,800. The grant award has helped to facilitate the development and implementation of SUSLA's Engineering Technology A.A.S. degree program and provided funding for the program's marketing and recruitment.

The "Building a Career Pathway from High School into the Workforce for Skilled Technicians in Electrical, Industrial, and Process Engineering Technology" project aims to advance technician education by developing a three-pronged Associate of Applied Science degree in Engineering Technology. This program will strengthen the workforce pipeline of diverse, skilled graduates meeting Northwest Louisiana's workforce needs. Pictured above are Dr. Kenie Moses and Dr. Jared Ashcroft, Principal Investigator of Pasadena City College's National Science Foundation-funded MicroNano Technology Center in Pasadena, California. The center provides undergraduate research experiences (UREs) in MicroNano Technology education and is part of a consortium of NSF-funded universities nationwide. SUSLA is part of the two and four-year consortium, which can provide Summer UREs for undergraduate students.

OPPORTUNITY STARTS HERE.  

CONGRATULATIONS TO MRS. SHARMAIN TALBERT RECIPIENT OF THE PRESIDENT'S CHOICE AWARD BY THE LOUISIANA ASSOCIATION OF FINANCIAL AID ADMINISTRATORS (LASFAA)



PICTURED: MRS. SHARMAIN LAZARD-TALBERT, DIRECTOR OF FINANCIAL AID & INTERIM DIRECTOR OF ENROLLMENT SERVICES,
AND MRS. LA'CHARLOTTE GARRETT, 2022 PRESIDENT OF LASFAA

During LASFAA's Fall 2022 annual conference, SUSLA's Financial Aid team members either received recognition or were appointed to serve on the 2023 LASFAA Board. Mrs. Sharmain Lazard-Talbert, current 2nd Vice President and Southern University System (SUS) Delegate-at-Large was honored by LASFAA 2022 President, Mrs. La'Charlotte Garrett, with the Distinguished Service Award and President's Choice Award. In addition, Mrs. Phillippa George, Financial Aid Coordinator, was named as the 2023 Financial Aid Awareness Committee Chairperson, and Ms. Tiera Smothers, Financial Aid Enrollment Specialist, was named as the 2023 Fall Program Committee Chairperson. Mrs. Sharmain Talbert was named the 2023 Member Relations Committee Chairperson, a position she has held for the last 2 years. Mrs. Talbert was also elected to serve as the 2023 LASFAA First Vice-President/President Elect.

LASFAA is an association of over 500 members from educational institutions, lending services and organizations dedicated to serving students, parents, and agencies with the dissemination of information related to student financial aid. LASFAA's mission is to enhance the professional development of financial aid administrators. As First Vice President/President Elect of LASFAA, Mrs. Talbert shall perform the duties of the President in the event of absence or incapacity of the President to serve and shall perform such duties as are assigned by the President Chief Executive Officer and official spokesperson of the Association. The LASFAA Vice President/President Elect, alongside the President, provides leadership and direction to all activities of the association, the executive officers, and all committees and task forces of the association. Mrs. Talbert will serve a one (1) year term and to which the presidential gavel will be passed to her during the Annual Fall Conference in 2023.

SUSLA'S DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY PTEC PROGRAM STUDENTS GAIN EXPERIENCE IN THE FIELD



PICTURED: PTEC STUDENTS, DR. ATASHBARI, PROGRAM DR. VAHID ATASHBARI, PROGRAM LEAD OF PROCESS AND PETROLEUM TECHNOLOGY, AND UFM TRAINER AT A WELL PUMP



PICTURED: PTEC STUDENTS AND TOUR GUIDE IN THE EXXONMOBIL DISTILLATION LAB

On September 23, 2022, ExxonMobil hosted SUSLA's Department of Engineering & Technology Process/ Petroleum Technology (PTEC) program students and faculty at their Baton Rouge, LA refinery. A brief overview of the refinery and refinery operations was provided during a guided tour, after which students learned about the role of Process Operators and how Operators integrate into the refinery's day-to-day activities. Students also visited the training facility and interacted with ExxonMobil's VR training modules, where they could perform tasks in virtual reality. The visit was such an impressive experience that it convinced the participating students to pursue a Process/Petroleum Technology (PTEC) degree. We thank ExxonMobil for its continued support of the Process and Petroleum Technology program at Southern University at Shreveport.

Additionally, on Friday, November 4, SUSLA's Department of Engineering & Technology PTEC program students and the PTEC Program Lead, Dr. Vahid Atashbari, visited the oil wells operated by the University Field Management (UFM) LLC. It was an exciting educational experience for students who were educated on the oil well industry, various production methods, and equipment used in operations, such as tanks, pumps, compressors, etc. We thank Mr. Ruben Shealy and University Field Management LLC for arranging this visit.

Dr. Vahid Atashbari leads SUSLA's DoET's Engineering Technology A.A.S. Process Technology concentration. His experience and Ph.D. in Petroleum Engineering facilitated a direct connection to the petrochemical industry and Baton Rouge area refinery employers. The Process Technology concentration is located in PBS Pinchback Science and Engineering Hall. It has delivered instruction to an initial cohort of seven (7) students with (3) new enrollees for the Fall 2022 semester. The Process/ Petroleum Technology concentration consists of 63 total credit hours and will take students two (2) years to complete. The first cohort's graduation date is scheduled for the Fall 2023 semester.

SUSLA’S DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS & ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT HOSTS ITS ANNUAL VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION



On Thursday, November 10, 2022, the Division of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management celebrated staff, faculty, students, and community members who served in the United States Armed Forces through a Veterans Day Celebration Program. The audience was enthusiastic in welcoming our guest speaker Colonel Kevin Stevenson (Retired United States Army). Colonel Stevenson discussed the long legacy of Black Veterans, past and present, who have risked their lives in the service in the United States of America. He specifically highlighted the history and role of Southern University Black Officers who held positions in the Armed Forces. Throughout his presentation, Colonel Stevenson provided relevant mantras that the attendees embraced.

During the celebration program, each service branch had the opportunity to sing its branch theme song. It was motivating and exciting to hear each serviceman/woman singing their branch song. Colonel Stevenson quoted H. Jackson Brown, Jr., “I’ve learned that every great achievement was once considered impossible.” The Colonel encouraged the audience to pursue their goals which may seem impossible, but are achievable through dedication and commitment.

Each Veteran was honored with a Certificate of Appreciation. Dr. Vladimir A. Appeaning SUSLA’s Interim Chancellor, and Mr. Michael Taylor, SUSLA’s Interim Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, offered remarks, thanked the veterans for their service to our nation, and presented each veteran with a gift. The Veterans Day Celebration ended with a celebratory reception in the forum of the Alphonse Jackson, Jr. Building with an assortment of delicious food. Special commendations are extended to Urina F. Holt, Student Success Coach and U.S. Veteran, for coordinating with the Division of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management to ensure a successful Veterans Day Celebration program.



PICTURED (L TO R): INTERIM VICE CHANCELLOR OF SAEM, MICHAEL TAYLOR, GUEST SPEAKER, COLONEL KEVIN STEVENSON, AND INTERIM CHANCELLOR, DR. VLADIMIR A. APPEANING



**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE
2022 RECIPIENT OF THE ATHENA
INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP AWARD:
DR. JOSLIN MAR-DAI PICKENS, CHAIR OF
COMMUNICATION & GENERAL STUDIES**

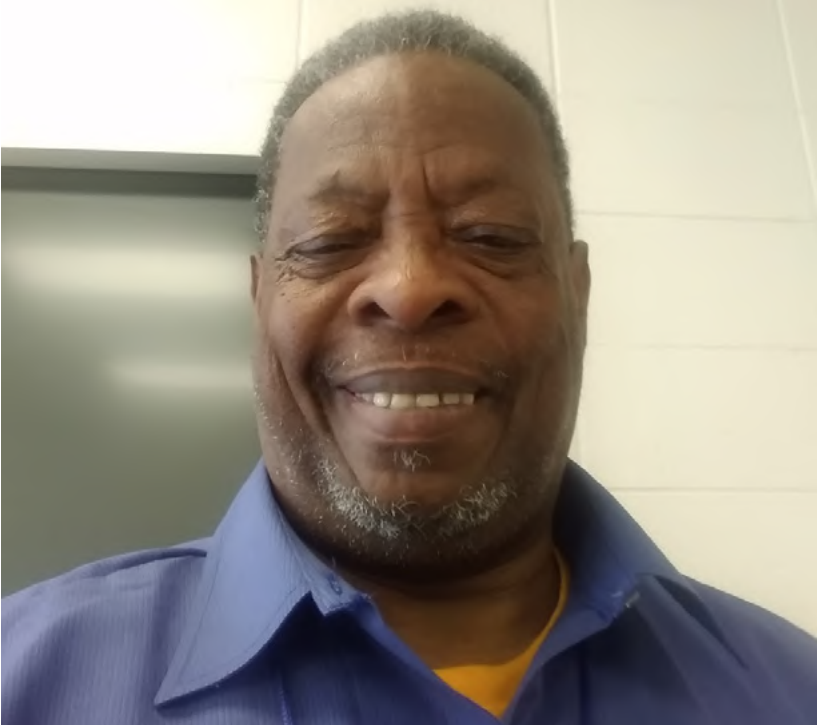
The Greater Shreveport Chamber of Commerce presents the 2022 Athena International Leadership Award to Dr. Joslin Mar-Dai Pickens. She serves as Department Chair of Communication and General Studies, and is a tenured Associate Professor of Communication at Southern University at Shreveport. In addition, she serves as lecturer of leadership studies at Saint Peter's University.

Dr. Pickens is committed to fulfilling her passion for improving the health of her community as owner/chef at Vegans on the Run. Her restaurant serves vegan comfort food daily and has provided over 1,000 free healthy meals to the community. She has partnered with local schools to provide children's cooking classes, cultivating her vision of changing the face and taste of vegan food.

Dr. Pickens is the recipient of two National Excellence in Teaching Awards for Colleges and Universities, is a YPI 40 Under 40 honoree, and is a Minority Business Opportunity Award Owner of the Year honoree. Congratulations, Dr. Pickens on your award!

** Article from the 318Forum Magazine based in Shreveport, LA**

**CONGRATULATIONS
TO OUR JAGUAR OF
THE MONTH:
MR. KEVIN WILLIAMS**
Custodian I
Department of Facilities &
Maintenance



DESTINATION — COMPLETE REGISTRATION

SPRING 2023 REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

SPRING 2023 VIRTUAL REGISTRATION

NOVEMBER 10, 2022 | 9 AM-5 PM

VIA ZOOM (Meeting ID: 958 3321 5616, Passcode: Register23)

SPRING 2023 POP-UP REGISTRATION

NOVEMBER 15, 2022 | 9 AM-2 PM

JOHNNY L. VANCE STUDENT CENTER

SPRING 2023 ON-SITE REGISTRATION

NOVEMBER 17, 2022 | 9 AM-5 PM

LEONARD C. BARNES ADMINISTRATION BLDG.

SPRING 2023 VIRTUAL REGISTRATION

DECEMBER 14, 2022 | 9 AM-5 PM

VIA ZOOM (Meeting ID: 958 3321 5616, Passcode: Register23)



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