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**COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF NORTH LOUISIANA AWARDS \$35,000 GRANT TO SUSLA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AND COHAB COMMUNITY BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP**

The \$35,000 grant award from the Community Foundation of North Louisiana will support the partnership between SUSLA Community Development Corporation (SUSLA CDC) and Cohab Community Business Development (Cohab) in offering comprehensive mentorship and guidance to local business owners.

SUSLA CDC and CoHab regularly refer clients to each other based on a business' needs and stage. This new partnership formalizes that relationship and supports the flow of clients with other local organizations. One highlight of the partnership is peer-to-peer mentoring groups. SUSLA CDC and CoHab, in partnership with LED, will offer roundtable opportunities for local small business and connect business owners better with each other and with state resources.

The partnership will provide a wide range of networking opportunities, workshops, and longer, more in-depth classes to ensure that business owners are well versed in the skills needed to run a strong operation. SUSLA CDC and CoHab will team up to offer business classes for entrepreneurs at all stages, including the in-depth NewVenture class, which helps participants develop a business plan they can use to seek funding, and entrepreneur training opportunities.

*"It is an awesome opportunity for us to have received this funding to advance the work that we do," said Darrin L. Dixon, Director of the Small Business Development at SUSLA. "The wonderful partnership*



Jessica Shiele, Executive Director of Cohab, Rodney A. Ellis, SUSLA Chancellor, Darrin Dixon, SUSLA Director of Small Business Development, and Emily Smith, Director of External Relations, The Community Foundation of North Louisiana

*that we have forged with CoHab gives us the ability to reach more businesses and allows us both to do a better job of servicing the entrepreneurial community."*

SUSLA CDC and Cohab are also looking to challenge the community through a series of business plan and pitch competitions to make local residents and students (both K-12 and college) excited about entrepreneurship. For those at the planning stage, SUSLA CDC and Cohab will offer opportunities to pitch their ideas and have their business plans evaluated for the chance to win prize monies and access to business services.

*"The partnership we have with SUSLA CDC is great and has been a win-win-win for us, SUSLA CDC, and more importantly, the clients that we serve," said Jessica Schiele, Executive Director of CoHab. "We are thankful we have an organization like the Community Foundation of North Louisiana that saw the impact of the work that we are trying to accomplish and wanted to play a role in creating an environment where small businesses can grow and thrive."*



The Southern University at Shreveport Foundation would like to thank everyone who supported the 19th Annual Gentlemen's Cooking Classic (GCC), "This Is One - YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS", on Saturday, June 9th at the Shreveport Convention Center.

The Gentlemen's Cooking Classic attracted approximately 2,200 individuals and continues to grow in popularity each year. The Gentlemen's Cooking Classic can easily boast of holding the community's record for largest number of participating chefs

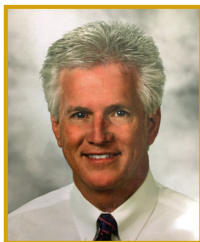
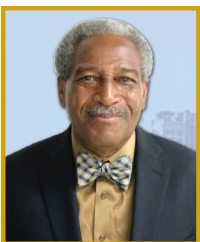


for a Northwest Louisiana food event. It is important to emphasize, that it is through the efforts of these participating chefs, corporate sponsors, and community support, that the Foundation has been able to invest more than \$550,000.00 in scholarships for the purpose of educating students in the Shreveport – Bossier and surrounding areas.



The event was chaired by Mr. John Hubbard, Manager of External Affairs for AEP SWEPCO and co-chaired by Ms. E. Jean Ware, President of Southern University Alumni and SUS Foundation Treasurer. Mr. Dan Jovic and Mrs. Jacque Jovic, Anchors/KTAL – NBC Channel 6 served as Master and Mistress of Ceremonies.

This year the Foundation's special guest was the Honorable Lieutenant Governor, William H. Nungesser.



The Foundation inducted into its SUSF 2018 Hall of Fame, seven (7) inductees: (L to r): Mr. Wendell Piper, President of SUS Foundation & Director of Transportation/Caddo Community Action Agency; Mayor Keith Hightower, Former Mayor of the City of Shreveport; Mr. Greg Johnson, Regional Senior Vice-President, Lee Michaels Fine Jewelry; Mr. John Hubbard, Retired/Manager of External Affairs for AEP SWEPCO; Sheriff Steve Prator, Sheriff of Caddo Parish; Chief Fred Sanders, Assistant to the Fire Chief/City of Shreveport; and Mr. Frank Williams, Director of Southern University at Shreveport Foundation.

Chef Ernest Palmisano and Tina Palmisano, owners of Ernest's Orleans Restaurant in Shreveport, served as Honorary Chair and Co-Chair of the Lil and Junior Chefs portion of the event. Ms. Dottie Bell, Caddo School Board Member and Ms. Jean Mosley, Public Relations -Griggs Enterprise, served as the Chair and Co-Chair of the Lil and Junior Chefs, featuring chefs ranging in age 7 to 13, serving their favorite dish.



Dottie Bell



Jean Mosley



2018 Participating Lil' and Junior Chefs



Chef Ernest and Tina Palmisano, honorary chair and co-chair of the Lil and Junior Chefs

## SU FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATIONS:



2018 SU Alumni Scholarship Recipients

The Southern University at Shreveport Foundation made two (2) Scholarship Presentations in the amounts of 25,000.00 dollars "In Memory of" two dedicated donors, Ms. Josephine Miles and Mr. Adejia Paul Bouttee' and one from the Khoury Foundation in the amount of \$30,000 during this year's event.



## 2018 WINNING CHEFS

### ENTREE

- 1st Place : Shreveport Job Corps – (Shrimp Civechi)
- 2nd Place: Holmes Cooking – Chef Dennis Holmes (Shrimp Creole)
- 3rd Place: SUSLA – Chef Rodney A. Ellis, Chancellor (Creole Mini Meat Pie)

### APPETIZERS

- 1st Place : Rib Tip Express - Chef Robert Hutson (Brisket)
- 2nd Place: Chef Eddie Giles – (Swedish Meatballs)
- 3rd Place : Ponderosa Riders – Chef Bradley Ford (Dusty Trail Sausage)

### SIDE DISH

- 1st Place : Jacomas Bistro – Chef Shanmus Germany (Cajun Spud/Seafood Mac)
- 2nd Place: Shreveport Police Dept. – Chef Wayne Smith (Coubion)
- 3rd Place : Chef Jo – Corn Macheaux

### DESSERT

- 1st Place : Sweets by Queenie – Banana Pudding Cheesecake
- 2nd Place: Job Corps – Strawberry/Blackberry Cobbler
- 3rd Place : Chef Steven Jackson – Brownie and Ice Cream

### BOOTH DECORATION

- 1st Place : Sweets by Queenie
- 2nd Place: Aseana Foundation
- 3rd Place : Jagaur Bayou – Dr. Rodney A. Ellis

## LIL' / JUNIOR CHEF WINNERS

### ENTREE

- 1st Place : Lil Chef Breylen Thompson – Tamales with Mango Pico Sauce
- 2nd Place: Boss Baby – Meatballs by Lil Chef Kylo Horton
- 3rd Place: Houston Texas Tacos by Chef Titus & Trent Tisdom

### APPETIZERS

- 1st Place : Chefs Koby Guidroz , Charlee Guidroz, Hayley Clark– Shrimp Dip
- 2nd Place: Chef Addison Stevenson - Chili
- 3rd Place : Chef LaRoyale Owens – Crawfish Nachos

### DESSERT

- 1st Place : Chefs Christini & Kaden Addison – Cake Pops
- 2nd Place: Chef Darrick Kinchen – Tin Can Ice Cream

### BOOTH DECORATION

- 1st Place : Chefs Christini & Kaden Addison – Cake Pops
- 2nd Place: Chefs Carrington & Remington Watts - Party Zone
- 3rd Place : Chef Breylen Thompson – World War II Aircraft

On behalf of the Southern University Shreveport Foundation Board of Directors and staff, we would like to express heartfelt appreciation and thanks to the sponsors, volunteers, donors, supporters, chefs and Lil' chefs for your support of this event and we look forward to the 20th Annual Gentlemen's Cooking Classic in 2019.

## SUSLA VETERANS UPWARD BOUND PROGRAM: PROVIDING PATHWAY TO EDUCATION FOR LOUISIANA VETERANS



SUSLA Veterans Upward Bound is expanding the way veterans look at their educational opportunities through a series of college tours. Starting with resources close to home, the Veterans Upward Bound Program participants toured the campuses of Southern University at Shreveport. The Veterans received information from the faculty members at the Metro Center location concerning programs in the Allied Health Division. Their next stop was a tour of the Aerospace Technology Center, located at the Shreveport Downtown Airport. The Veterans received information about the program of study offered at that location and enjoyed a hands on experience with an airplane's framework. The participants finished with a tour of SUSLA's Main campus where they were exposed to the many programs of study that are available both online and on campus.

For their next experience, the SUSLA Veterans Upward Bound Program took a tour group of over 30 Veterans down to Baton Rouge to tour Southern University and A&M College campus.

During the tour, participants learned about the many options for higher education offered by Southern University and had the opportunity to visit with Dr. Ray L. Belton, Southern University System's President.



While in Baton Rouge, the Veterans made it a point to visit the USS Kidd Veterans Memorial & Museum Ship docked on the Mississippi River and the Louisiana State Capitol. At the capitol the group was able to engage with Representative Barbara Norton and Kenny Cox concerning Veterans Affairs and Educational benefits.

The trip was led by Ms. Urina F. Holt, Director of SUSLA Veterans Upward Bound, Ms. Sharron Cooper, Specialist, and Mr. John McClain, SUSLA Recruiter.



**Urina F. Holt**  
Director, VUB



**Sharron Cooper**  
Recruiter



**John McClain**  
Recruiter

## SUSLA FRESHMAN ENGINEERING STUDENT COMPETES AT OPPORTUNITY FUNDING CORPORATION (OFC) INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP CONFERENCE

Radiat Ibrahim, a freshman engineering major here at SUSLA, participated in the Opportunity Funding Corporation (OFC) Innovation and Entrepreneurship (I&E) Program Conference May 21-25 in Durham, NC.

The OFC I&E Program is comprised of 100 of the greatest young minds who think critically, creatively, and are passionate about solving problems. Participants competed against their peers in a 72-hour workshop that was both challenging and rewarding. Students were tasked with developing solutions to business, social, or educational problems and then pitching their ideas to a panel of expert judges comprised of entrepreneurs, small business owners, executives, venture capitalists and other investors.

The OFC Innovation and Entrepreneurship Conference is an optimum opportunity for students to learn, engage in hands-on exercises, and develop the three C's of an Entrepreneurial Mindset: Curiosity, Connections, and Creating Value.

When asked about her experience, Radiat said, *"I went through one of the most amazing weeks of this year, surrounded by entrepreneurs, mentors, innovators, and most important of all, the future leaders of tomorrow. It was challenging building an app that is called SPONSORED F.I.T, which basically allows people to challenge you to lose weight or maintain a healthy life style by sponsoring you with money. I am proud to say that I learned a lot in those 4 days in Durham, North Carolina. John Deer, American Underground, and IBM were all there to mentor us, and push us to be great. I feel so fortunate to be part of an amazing group of students from all around the country (nearly 100 students) innovating, creating, and pitching ideas to entrepreneurs. Special thanks to Darrin Dixon at Southern University at Shreveport for seeing the potential in me and for always pushing me to greater heights"*.



Radiat Ibrahim

## SUSLA STAFF SENATE HOLDS ELECTIONS

SUSLA Staff Senate elections were held on Thursday, June 7, 2018. The polls opened at 9:00 A.M. Votes were received from all campus locations and electronic ballots were issued to those traveling or unable to come to campus to vote.

### THE WINNERS OF THE ELECTION ARE AS FOLLOWS:



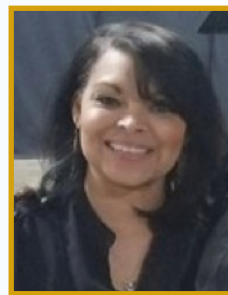
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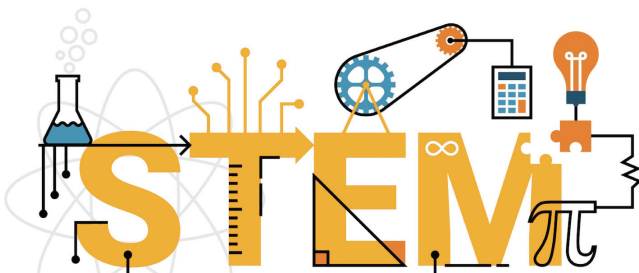


Treasurer  
Marlo Miller



Security  
Jeffrey Ivey

The newly elected leadership is currently in the process of appointing vacant positions.



# STEM

## SUMMER CAMP

Science, Technology, Engineering & Math

### OFFERS STUDENTS NEW EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES

Southern University at Shreveport (SUSLA) is once again hosting our amazing Summer S.T.E.M. for students grades K-5th. Each day students arrive on the main campus excited about being introduced to science, technology, engineering and math through a hands-on experience in a fun environment.

### Destination Science, Technology, Engineering and Math



Through the daily schedule of activities, campers are encouraged to imagine, collaborate, explore and create, all while learning cool STEM skills that will help them in school and in life. *“In addition to allowing students to engage in subjects that they have an interest in but may not be able to get deep exposure to in school, the camp fosters valuable 21st century life skills like problem solving and creativity,”* said Larry Ferdinand, Executive Director of Continuing Education.



The students will also attend several experiences outside of the classroom through various field trips. They will visit Sheriff Safety Town and Gators and Friends. They will also sign up for the summer reading program through Shreve Memorial Library.

This is just one of the 10 camps SUSLA is offering to the community this summer in addition to our Summer Continuing Education schedule.

# JAGUAR of the MONTH

## Dr. Rodney A. Ellis, Chancellor recognizes Shaneisha Bryant as “Jaguar of the Month”



Shaneisha Bryant began her career at SUSLA just three years ago in the role of administrative assistant for enrollment management. Her hard worked and dedication was quickly noticed and she was promoted to her current role as admissions specialist. She works hard to help students navigate the admissions process and make sure they have everything they need to begin classes here at SUSLA. One aspect of her job that truly brings her joy is helping students who may be overwhelmed to feel confident in their ability to begin and complete their program of study.

She is currently pursuing her Master’s in Business Administration and aspires to move into more of a leadership role in helping students to find the right career path for them including entrepreneurial options. She loves working with students and her positive attitude and passion for education make her a valuable member of the Jaguar Nation.

## CONGRATULATIONS Student of the Month

### Congratulations! CAITLYN JONES

Caitlyn Jones is currently a sophomore majoring in Business Management with a 3.0 GPA here at Southern University at Shreveport. Ms. Jones is an active member of TRiO Student Support Services, Elite Club, Accounting Club, and a mentor to all students. Caitlyn is also Miss. Southern University at Shreveport. She is an active member in her community and volunteers by performing with The Theater of Performing Arts of Shreveport. She is very excited about the upcoming fall semester and the opportunity to for fellow students here at Southern University at Shreveport.



## NEW EMPLOYEE Welcome

Let’s join in and give a **JAGUAR NATION** welcome to our June 2018 new hires!



Wyneishia Randle  
Police Officer



Lavonda Walker  
Admissions Counselor

# Campus Announcements



# Fall Semester Registration NOW OPEN!

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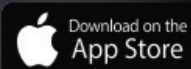
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