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***Dr. Ellis with volunteers and supporters during the 14th Annual Port City Classic Golf Tournament***

*(L to R): Dr. Lalita Rogers, Emily Owens, Dr. Rodney A. Ellis, E. Jean Ware, Shannon McCowan and Patricia Brown*

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## HERE WE GROW AGAIN: MILAM STREET KITCHEN INCUBATOR & COMMUNITY KITCHEN (KICK) AND ALLEN BUILDING

*SUSLA Allied Health Students Will Soon Enjoy New State of The Art Facility In The Heart of Downtown Shreveport*

Renovations are nearing completion for the historic Allen Building in downtown Shreveport. The project is scheduled to be completed in early 2019. The Allen Building renovations have created a 25-thousand square foot facility equipped with state of the art instruments for SUSLA's nursing students.

SUSLA bought the building back in 2010 for the sole purpose of expanding the nursing program.

*“This is a very exciting time for Allied Health and Nursing here at SUSLA, said Dr. Rodney A. Ellis, Chancellor at Southern University at Shreveport. “This expansion will allow us to better meet the needs of our students and the employment needs in the community.”*



## CONSTRUCTION AT THE MILAM STREET KITCHEN INCUBATOR AND COMMUNITY KITCHEN (KICK)



Construction at the Milam Street Kitchen Incubator and Community Kitchen (KICK) is in the final stages. Groundbreaking took place late last year. Despite some weather delays, the first phase of the project is scheduled to be complete by the end of 2018.

KICK was initially funded by a \$1 million Housing and Urban Development Choice Neighborhoods grant. The project is also part of the \$24 million HUD grant announced by the city a few weeks ago to redevelop the area.

*“This is very much going to be a part of it, and we are going to be able to do even greater things. The next phase is that of a distribution center,” explained Darrin Dixon, SUSLA director of small business development.*

Chefs will be able to package and sell items on a regional or national scale right here in Shreveport. Construction of the distribution center will begin not long after this first phase is complete.

## PORT CITY CLASSIC GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Southern University Shreveport Foundation (SUSF) is hard at work raising funds to help future students realize the dream of a college education. Supporters, family, and friends of the foundation came out on Monday, October 8th to enjoy the 14th Annual Port City Golf Tournament at Crooked Hollow Golf Club in Greenwood.

Each year, the event leverages the monies raised from the golf tournament to help fund scholarships for Southern University at Shreveport (SUSLA) students who would otherwise find a college education beyond their financial reach.

The tournament began bright and early with a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. Prizes were awarded for the longest drive and closest to the hole. Door prizes and a one million dollar shoot-out were also awarded by drawing.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR WINNERS:

#### 1ST PLACE TEAM WINNERS

Travis Griffin  
 Burney Woods  
 Patrick Tisby

#### 2ND PLACE TEAM WINNERS

Thurston Jones  
 Bobbie Perry  
 Reggie Neely  
 John H. Foster

#### 3RD PLACE TEAM WINNERS

David Benscoter  
 Steve Wooley  
 Roger Gafford  
 Rick Haley



#### CLOSEST TO THE HOLE

#9: Taylor Jamison

#12: Travis Griffin

#### LONGEST DRIVE

# 4: Patrick Tisby

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The Southern University Shreveport Foundation (SUSF) invites all golfers to participate in this fun-filled event next year and make a difference in the lives of young people in our community.

**For more information on how you can support future students, contact Emily Owens at [eowens@susla.edu](mailto:eowens@susla.edu).**

**(On the cover)**



# OCTOBER

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

## A PATH FOR HEALING LEADS TO EDUCATIONAL DREAMS REALIZED, FRIENDSHIP



(l to r): Linzola Winzer and Beatrice Wright

Ms. Linzola Winzer is a commanding force in the Office of the Chancellor here at SUSLA. That strength was put to the test several years ago when she received a stage 3 cancer diagnosis and began her cancer journey. It was a difficult time but, Ms. Winzer found the blessing of friendship during her treatment and that friendship led to healing and dreams being realized.

*"I was receiving treatment with Dr. Burton and that is where I first met Ms. Wright," commented Ms. Winzer. "She took care of me and we spent a lot of time talking and getting to know each other."*

It was during those times that Ms. Wright revealed to Ms. Winzer her dream to return to school and move her career in healing forward. Ms. Winzer encouraged her to look at all Southern University at Shreveport's Allied Health and Nursing had to offer. With regular doses of encouragement and Jaguar Pride from Ms. Winzer, Ms. Wright has been able to advance her education at SUSLA and currently has a 3.9 GPA. She is a sophomore and has many offers already on the table for work. Ms. Wright attributes the push to follow her dreams and support to fight her own cancer battle to the friendship she and Ms. Winzer started so many years ago.

*"It was so amazing to me how she was able to focus on helping me while I was there to care for her," said Ms. Wright. "I remember how excited I was to be on campus that first day, I had so many emotions that I cried at the end of the day!" "I am so glad we were brought together in this friendship because I believe it has blessed both of our lives."*

Ms. Winzer continues to be an inspiration to the SUSLA community and an advocate for breast cancer awareness and research. She organizes SUSLA's breast cancer awareness events every October.

## SUSLA CELEBRATES BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH WITH “JOIN THE FIGHT” RALLY WALK & BALLOON RELEASE

Southern University at Shreveport SGA, faculty, and staff came together October 30th to remember those who have lost their lives to cancer, celebrate those who have overcome the disease, and raise awareness to promote early detection.

The “JOIN THE FIGHT” RALLY WALK & BALLOON RELEASE was a great day of fellowship for the SUSLA family and the community. All proceeds from the event went to support the C. Wright Pink Ribbon Project.

The Pink Ribbon Project’s mission is to support and aid in the care of those who have been diagnosed with cancer and was founded by survivor, Ms. Catherine Wright of Bossier City.

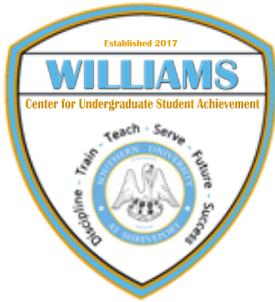


The rally featured music, food, prizes, and giveaways. Several vendors took part in the day’s events by providing information on women’s health, and nutrition.

Walk participants gathered at the Johnny Lee Vance Student Activity Center and walked through campus to help raise awareness for breast cancer. The event ended at the L.J. Barnes Administration Building participants released balloons along the route in memory of the loved ones lost to cancer, loved ones still in the battle, and loved ones who had beaten the disease.

**THANKS TO THE SUSLA COMMUNITY FOR THEIR CONTINUED SUPPORTING  
AND RAISING AWARENESS ABOUT BREAST CANCER!**





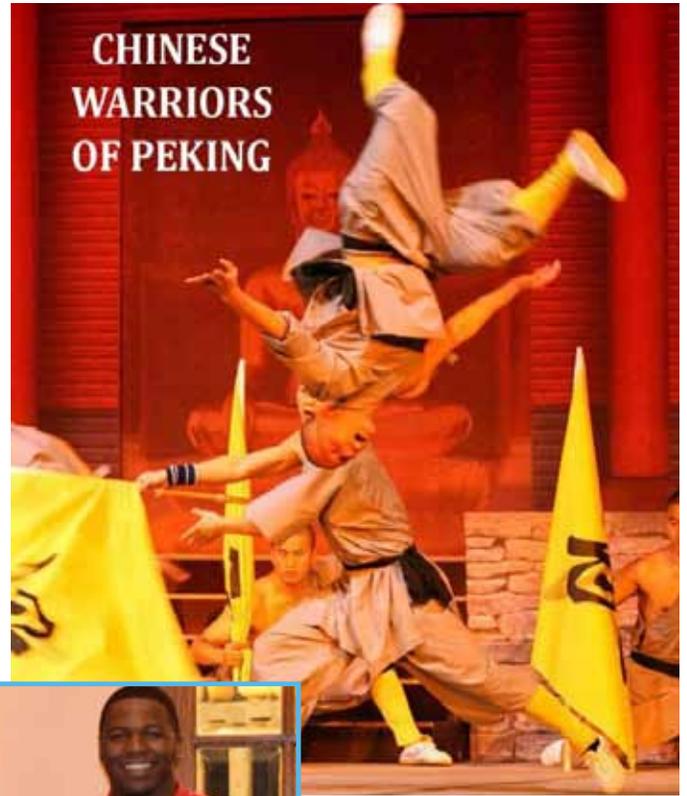
## WILLIAMS CENTER FOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT FIRST MEMBERS EXPERIENCE THE CHINESE WARRIORS OF PEKING

Southern University at Shreveport established the Williams Center for Undergraduate Student Achievement (WCUSA) to reverse the trend of fewer minority males graduating from college and to increase the number of minority males in the STEM, Education, and Allied Health career fields. The Williams Center for Undergraduate Student Achievement's goal is to increase the enrollment, retention, and graduation rates for this group. The Williams Center for Undergraduate Student

Achievement is named after Tina and Tony Williams, because of their generous donation to support this minority male initiative.

We are excited to present Detritus Adams, D'Abolque Moore, Tobias Gardner, Nicolas Cochran-Walker, D'Arius Roland, Adrian Edwards, and Ke'Untra Gipson as the first members of the Williams Center for Undergraduate Student Achievement. After meeting the basic criteria, the members had to complete essays and participate in interviews to be selected as the founding members of WCUSA. These young men have proven themselves to be ready and focused on the road ahead.

Cultural Awareness is one of the initiatives of the Williams Center for Undergraduate Student Achievement. Our goal is to broaden the members' sense of the world by exposing them to different experiences. Recently, members attended the Chinese Warriors of Peking at the historical Strand Theater in downtown Shreveport as our 1st Cultural Awareness event.



Columbia Artists Management and the Ministry of Culture of The People's Republic of China presented the Chinese Warriors of Peking. This new production was filled with high-intensity martial arts and breath-taking acrobatics, to tell the tale of two rival martial arts disciplines competing in the ancient Chinese capital of Peking. Under the direction

of Qui Jian, the Chinese Warriors of Peking provided a culturally enriching experience filled with juggling, acrobatics, weapons handling, and live stage combat.

# JAGS ON THE MOVE: PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

## LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

Ms. Cheryle Wheeler-Johnson, President-Elect of the Louisiana Association of Student Assistance Programs, recently participated in The Council for Opportunity in Education/Cornell University Leadership Institute for College Opportunity Professionals, which took place in Ithaca, New York in October.

Thirty State Presidents participated in the Leadership Institute and were provided with insights and skills to enhance their leadership role within their state college opportunity association.



## MAGNA TEACHING WITH TECHNOLOGY

On October 4-7, 2018, six Faculty members from SUSLA attended a three-day faculty development conference entitled, Magna Teaching with Technology located in St. Louis, Missouri. Representing the Division of Arts, Humanities, Social Sciences, and Education included: Professors Jennifer Green, Humanities/Communication; Belinda Dixon, Social Sciences/ Psychology, and Joyce Cottonham, Humanities/English. Representing the Division of Science and Technology included: Professors Jimmy Daniel, Math, and Computer Science; John Alak, Biology & Science, and Kenekukwu Anyanechi, Human Anatomy & Physiology.

Magna Teaching with Technology conference was a high-quality educational event specifically designed to provide ideas, information, and inspiration to college instructors, in all disciplines, who are looking for more effective ways to incorporate technology into their teaching. Topics covered included: online course design, active learning pedagogies, self-directed learning, student assessment, online engagement, blended and flip classes.



We like to thank and recognize some special people in this endeavor: Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs, Dr. Sharron Herron-Williams; Stephanie Graham, Office of Sponsored Programs; and Earnestine Lewis, Travel Office, and Dr. Lonnie McCray, Division of AHSSE. We had a safe, enjoyable, and productive trip!

## CONGRATULATIONS TO TRIO UPWARD BOUND PROGRAMS

SUSLA's five Classic TRiO Upward Bound Programs wrote for and were each awarded an additional **\$40,000** STEM Computer Science Supplemental Grant from the United States Department of Education. This brings an additional **\$200,000** to the already awarded **\$1,390,083** across programs for the 2018-2019 program year.

These grant funds will benefit 274 participants in the target schools of Caddo (Betty Fagbeyiro and Thydcomphia Brown), DeSoto (Charlellia James), Natchitoches (Betty Fagbeyiro), and Sabine (Cheryle Wheeler Johnson) Parishes. Program participants will be exposed to career opportunities in the computer science area with activities to engage them in coding, robotics, programming, logic, and networking.

The Upward Bound STEM Project was developed to expose Upward Bound students in low performing schools to the building blocks of STEM skills such as logical and critical thinking and problem solving accompanied by computer science inquiry-based and active learning experiences. The in-demand jobs in the target areas are allied health, cyber security, and industrial trade type jobs that will create the economy of tomorrow. Students are not only exposed to STEM skills, but also to other types of careers open to them in a growing city, their hometowns, rural communities, the state and globally.

Phase 1 includes lessons on coding, robotics, programming, logic and networking embedded with the building blocks mentioned previously. Phase 2 Upward Bound STEM Project is STEM on the Go where students will go on career field experiences that will round off the connection of the STEM academic lessons to careers and jobs available in the geographical region where the Upward Bound students reside.

The ultimate goal the Upward Bound STEM Project is to introduce STEM related computer science knowledge and connect that knowledge to real STEM job experiences with participating companies.

Upward Bound Programs are under the auspices of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, Dr. Melva Williams, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management and College Access, Dr. Tuesday Mahoney, Assistance Vice Chancellor.



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## TITLE IX LIVING AND LEARNING AWARENESS PROJECT BRINGS “JAGS REAL TALK” EXPERIENCE TO STUDENTS



Southern University at Shreveport (SUSLA) is taking Title IX training to a new level of empowerment for our students. The Title IX Living and Learning Awareness project (Division of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management) originated by Dr. Tuesday Mahoney, SUSLA's Title IX Coordinator aims to alleviate sexual misconduct and discrimination incidents at SUSLA by raising awareness and increasing experiences to promote quality decision making, self-esteem, and critical thinking for healthy living on college campus. With the support of Mattice Wells, HR Deputy Title IX Coordinator, Ms. Dozier, Human Services Intern, Steven Latson and the Jaguar Courtyard's RA's (Residential Advisors), we will implement customized and engaging workshops that provide an understanding of Title IX's sexual misconduct and gender discrimination policies.



The Team encourages dialogue between residential life students living at SUSLA through social, cultural, and educational activities. Dr. Mahoney also created an official student organization called “#SUSLA Flawless” Social Enhancement Club (SUFEC) where student members embrace a deeper commitment to fostering Title IX awareness on campus and within the community. Conversely, the SUSLA Flawless Social Enhancement Club (SUFEC) will assist residential life students in gaining a better understanding of decision-making tactics to reduce sexual misconduct while adjusting to life in the SUSLA community, thus establishing a “flawless” (incident free) campus. The club

has elected Ms. Kenyatta Washington, a Freshman from Bastrop, LA as Miss #SUSLAflawless.

SUSLA Title IX's Coordinators and the #SUSLAflawless Club hosts “JAG Real Talk” which are interactive workshops and/or social activities presented each Tuesday night from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 pm beginning this Fall (October – November) and in the Spring of 2019 (February – April) at the Jaguar Courtyard. The topics covered include Financial Fitness, Sexual Misconduct, Sexual Awareness/Safety (STDs), Healthy Relationships/College Dating, Beauty/Self Enhancement, Self-Esteem and Building Confidence, Nutrition and Health Exercises/Meditation, Gender Discrimination/Gender Dialogue, Mental Health/Stress, Suicide Prevention and Community Service.

To assist with retention efforts and reinforce study habits, the group invites any and all predominantly Black Greek Letter organizations to adopt a night to present and to share their college experiences, Greek history, talk about HBCU's and provide mentorship.

**For more information about Title IX reporting, please contact Dr. Tuesday W. Mahoney, Title IX Coordinator in the Division of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management or Mattice Wells, Title IX Deputy Coordinator Human Resources.**

**Title IX Jags Living and Learning “SUSLA Real Jag Talk” Tuesday Nights Live at the Courtyard. SUSLA's Title IX Living and Learning project with Dr. Tuesday Mahoney, SUSLA Title IX Coordinator and Mattice Wells, Title IX Deputy HR Coordinator aims to eliminate sexual misconduct and gender discrimination on campus.**

## JAGUAR of the MONTH

Rodney A. Ellis, Ed.D., Chancellor recognizes Dr. Lalita Rogers as “Jaguar of the Month”

Dr. Lalita Rogers is a native of Shreveport, has been a professional in higher education for over fifteen (15) years. She has served at SUSLA for over five years as the University Registrar. Lalita’s role is principally targeted towards developing and implementing policies and procedures which will improve the efficiency of the Registrar’s Office at SUSLA.

Her top priority is to assist students in preparing for a post-secondary education. Dr. Rogers tenaciously serves as an agent of information exchange, insuring students and parents are equipped with the tools necessary to find the best match. She takes pride in witnessing the “life lessons” students learn and demonstrate on a daily basis.

She is committed to the college experience and process. She believes every student deserves an opportunity to realize and fulfill their dream.

In a recent survey, students at SUSLA acknowledged her friendliness, willing and eager spirit to go the extra mile to help those in need of assistance.



*Congratulation! Dr. Lalita Dawn Rogers as “Jag of the Month”*



CONGRATULATIONS  Student of the Month

*Miss Caitlyn Kathleen Jones*

Miss SUSLA, 2018-2019

Caitlyn Kathleen Jones is the beautiful 20-year-old native of Shreveport, LA. Caitlyn began her matriculation at SUSLA in the Spring of 2017 continuing her family legacy as a proud third generation Jaguar as a dual Business Management and Accounting major.

Since enrolling at SUSLA, Caitlyn has become an active student in many clubs and organizations. She is a member of Trio Student Support Services, Accounting Club, a mentor to students, The Elite Club, and serves as a member of Enactus. She has also been a strategic part of planning campus events with the Student Government Association.

During her reign as Miss Southern University at Shreveport Louisiana, Caitlyn aspires to be a voice and liaison for the student body and bring more awareness to issues such as domestic violence, health issues and mental illness.

After finishing her studies at SUSLA, Caitlyn plans to complete her studies at Southern University and A&M College in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Her career goal is to become an entrepreneur and own her own natural hair care product line, while investing in other franchises.

In her spare time, Caitlyn enjoys hobbies of drawing and creating her own natural hair products.

Caitlyn lives by the quote “Don’t be ashamed of your story. It will inspire others”.

*You are cordially invited to attend  
Southern University at Shreveport*

*Veteran's Day Honorarium Celebration*

Theme:

*"Honoring Those Who Served"*

**Monday, November 12, 2018**

**10:30 am - 12:00 noon**

**Metro Campus**

**610 Texas Street, 1st floor Atrium**

**Shreveport, LA 71101**

*Reception immediately following.*

**RSVP: Urina F. Holt, Director**  
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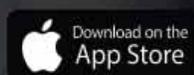
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