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SUSLA, PARTNERS TEAM UP TO OFFER FREE TUITION, LAPTOPS FOR FALL 2020

Southern University at Shreveport is taking bold steps to make college more accessible this fall by offering free tuition and laptops to students hit hard by the pandemic. The upcoming semester will look and feel different from the past with classes being offered hybrid-style blending in-person and virtual learning classrooms.

"The challenges brought about by COVID-19 have disrupted the lives of nearly everyone in our campus community. We recognize that some students have faced unprecedented hardships. Showing students that we are committed to supporting them at all levels is why we are offering free tuition and laptops to students who qualify", said Chancellor Rodney Ellis.

SUSLA leaders have developed plans for the academic calendar, changes to first-year students' experience, and living and staying well during the COVID-19 pandemic. Staff across the college have reconfigured spaces, processes, and practices to safeguard everyone's health on campus. This initiative is made possible because of the University's effort to leverage public/private partnerships such as that with organizations including: Capital One, AT&T, JPMorgan Chase and others.

"The Coronavirus Pandemic has disrupted the traditional models of delivering education and created economic hardships. Chase is honored to partner with Southern University to address these impacts by supporting this program to address the urgent need of providing virtual classroom technology to ensure many of those most impacted by this crisis can continue with their education and be able to fully participate in our economy." *Steve Roop, North Louisiana Market Executive*

Classes start Wednesday, August 12. To be considered for free tuition, or laptop, a student must meet the following standards below.

- Must complete and submit a SUSLA Admissions Application for the full fall 2020 semester by August 7
- Must complete Course Registration for at least 12 credit hours for the full fall 2020 semester by August 7, 2020.
- Must attend classes and be enrolled through the 14th day of the fall semester

- Qualified students will be eligible for either one laptop only or one free tuition* for one student only
- *Free tuition covers the last three credits from 9 credits to 12 credits to be considered Full-Time; (This is a value of \$254)

The Process:

Students who meet all criteria will be entered into a pool, and 1,500 (1,000 Tuitions, 500 laptops) winners will be drawn lottery style.

Winners will be informed via email listed on the application.

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