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SUSLA CELEBRATES THE OPENING OF ALPHONSE JACKSON, JR. HALL

Southern University at Shreveport (SUSLA) joined by Mayor Ollie Tyler and other community leaders celebrated the opening of the Alphonse Jackson, Jr. Hall on Thursday, August 17, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. The Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and open house was held at the new facility located at 3050 Martin Luther King Drive.

The Ribbon Cutting was preceded by greetings from Ms. Lydia Jackson, Former State Senator for the State of Louisiana and Jackson family representative. “My dad steadfastly believed that education is the gateway to possibility. Southern University was certainly that passageway in his own life. Our entire family is excited that Southern University at Shreveport is honoring his legacy of service by naming this new classroom building for him. We are especially proud that the name of Alphonse Jackson, Jr. will be forever aligned with the progress of young people in our community,” commented Jackson.

Other dignitaries who greeted the audience were: Dr. Ray Belton, President of the Southern University System/Chancellor for Southern University and A&M College,

Honorable Ann Smith, Chairlady for Southern University Board of Supervisors, Honorable Joe R. Gant, Jr., member of the Southern University Board of Supervisors, Senator Gregory Tarver, State of Louisiana, Mr. Steven Jackson, Chairman of the Caddo Parish Commissioner, Mr. James Flurry, President for the City Council of Shreveport, and the Honorable Ollie Tyler, Mayor of Shreveport. “Having this building named after the late Alphonse Jackson, Jr., is a testament to his legacy and what he stood for, not only in this community but throughout the nation,” stated Mayor Tyler.

The open house allowed the SUSLA community to view the new Alphonse Jackson, Jr. classroom building which will house fifteen (15) Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (S.T.E.M.) classes and a lecture hall with a seating capacity of one hundred and fifty (150). It’s been 45 years since new academic/classroom buildings have been built on the SUSLA campuses. The \$7.5 million dollar project has taken two and a half years to complete.

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Above & Beyond

SUSLA FACULTY MEMBER IS AUGUST “ABOVE & BEYOND” AWARD HONOREE

Math Professor Harolyn Wilson was honored with the 2017 “Above and Beyond” Award at the Southern University Board of Supervisors meeting, August 18, 2017 held on the campus of Southern University at Shreveport.

Dr. Joslin Pickens, Chair of Communication and General Studies at SUSLA, nominated Wilson based on a criteria selection. “She can frequently be found at the public library on weekends or in her office in the evenings giving extra help and tutoring students to guarantee that they grow in math”. Recently, she authored a Math camp to prepare students (and prospective students) for college math. “Wilson’s use of humor and friendly demure make Math fun for our students. She goes above and beyond daily,” stated Pickens.

This month’s Above and Beyond Award winner has been a valued SUSLA employee for 12 years. She is a past SUSLA “Jaguar of the Month.”

“Teaching is one of my greatest rewards. I enjoy what I do every day. Teaching is my passion. Thank you for selecting me for this honor,” said Wilson.

The “Above and Beyond” Award was established to help inspire and motivate SU employees to reach their maximum performance. One award is presented at the SU Board of Supervisors meetings each month.

Recipients of the award are nominated by their peers. The top three nominations are forwarded to the Board of Supervisors chair and vice chair for selection.

Nominations are due two weeks prior to all Board of Supervisors Meetings. Contact Maya Riley Banks at maya_banks@sus.edu or Michael Wells, at michael_wells@sus.edu. Call 225-771-4600, if you have questions or need additional information.



(L to R): Dr. Ray L. Belton, President/Chancellor- SUS, Prof. Harolyn Wilson, Honorable Ann Smith, BOS Chairlady



2017 Radiologic Technology Graduates

SUSLA RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM HOLDS PINNING CEREMONY

The Radiologic Technology Program hosted its 28th Pinning Ceremony on Tuesday, August 8, 2017 on the main campus located at 3050 Martin Luther King, Jr., Drive. Twelve (12) graduates were honored and pinned by their esteemed faculty.

The celebration also marked 30 years of the program’s existence. It’s Founding Director, Dr. Sharon Green, served as the keynote speaker. Mrs. Shelia Swift serves as the current Program Director and was honored with an engraved plate to celebrate the program’s continued success. Britney Williams was selected as the “Student of the Year” by the 2018 graduating class and also received the program “Essence Award” for her dedicated service throughout her clinical tenure. April Yeager received the ‘Academic Excellence Award’ for maintaining a 3.4 cumulative GPA in both prerequisite and professional course work.

The host for the Pinning Ceremony was the incoming Radiologic Technology Class of 2019. For more information on the Radiologic Technology Program at SUSLA, please call Director Shelia Swift at (318) 670-9646.

THE DIVISION OF RESEARCH, SPONSORED PROGRAMS & INSTITUTIONAL EFFECTIVENESS “GOOD TO GREAT” SUMMER INSTITUTE & RETREAT HIGHLIGHTING STUDENT AFFAIRS & ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT

The Division of Research, Sponsored Programs & Institutional Effectiveness, (RSPIE), held its “*Good to Great*” Summer Institute & Retreat, August 2-4, 2017 at SUSLA and the Courtyard Marriott on the Louisiana Boardwalk. In support of RSPIE’s Strategic Plan, the institute is one of several initiatives to support the university in enhancing its role, scope and mission by providing an effective decision-support system of management that has student success at its core. RSPIE has postured itself to be the “changing face” that will assist the institution in improving the quality of programs, operations and services.



Dr. Toya Barnes-Teamer

This year, RSPIE partnered with the Division of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management to focus on strategic planning and the collaborative ways RSPIE could support each student affairs department. Training was provided by Dr. Toya Barnes-Teamer of HCM Strategists, who brought an immense scope and wealth of information and guidance to improve the effectiveness of our operations and services – especially in promoting student access and success.

At the close of the institute, each department within Student Affairs and Enrollment Management collaborated with each department of RSPIE to begin healthy dialogue and interactions needed to support the work of each division. What a great time and opportunity for training and fellowship! Kudos to Dr. Regina S. Robinson, Vice Chancellor for RSPIE and Dr. Melva Williams, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management for coming together in a strategic effort to create a culture infused with collegiality, accountability and excellence!



Dr. Regina Robinson



Dr. Melva Williams

“The Division of Research, Sponsored Programs and Institutional Effectiveness continues on its journey to motivate and promote excellence and quality and engage in activity that will propel SUSLA to be the premier enterprise of higher education – moving her from ‘Good to Great’,” stated Dr. Robinson.



RSPIE’s Motto is “Esprit de Corps” – Inspiring enthusiasm, devotion and a strong regard for the honor of RSPIE and SUSLA, with a common Spirit of Excellence.



Hosted by Fatina Elliott,
Coordinator
Academy of Excellence

2017 FALL FACULTY / STAFF INSTITUTE

“A Unified SUSLA – We Are One!”

After engaging in a two day institute, the faculty and staff at SUSLA are ready for an exciting and successful fall semester. The University held its Faculty/Staff Institute on August 21-22, 2017 with the theme: “A Unified SUSLA – We Are One!” The purpose of the institute was to provide a forum in which faculty, staff and administrators could learn and discuss new ideas as well as get energized.

There were concurrent sessions each day to help meet the goal of providing strategic professional enrichment opportunities to all employees.

“Dramatically Improve Your Ability to Build Winning Relationships with Everyone, Including Yourself” was the session attended by all participants. The speaker was Mr. Dennis Brown, President of Destiny Investments. He delivered a fiery message on how to work as a team by building your self-enthusiasm, worker enthusiasm and commitment.



Mr. Dennis Brown



Dr. Ellis and Dr. Toya Barnes-Teamer

Dr. Toya Barnes-Teamer, Director of HCM Strategists’ Higher Education Team, served as the key-note speaker on Monday, August 21. She dissected SUSLA’s Strategic Plan and emphasized the importance of working together to be successful. Chancellor Dr. Rodney A. Ellis gave the State of the University Address on Tuesday, August 22. He focused on some of the changes made within his tenure, particularly in the organizational chart, and emphasized the forward moving of the Strategic Plan.



The Vice-Chancellors of the Executive Team were on hand to give an overview of the goals and accomplishments from their various divisions.



SUSLA 50th Birthday Celebration

For half a century, Southern University at Shreveport has been providing access to quality, affordable education and paving the way to professional careers leading to a better way of live for citizens of North Louisiana. Many of our alums have gone on to excel to the top of their professions making positive contributions locally, statewide, and throughout the country. Join us as we reflect on our rich legacy of service and forge a bold path forward!

Schedule of Activities

SPIRIT WEEK
SEPTEMBER 19 - 22, 2017

EVENT

TIME/LOCATION

**SUSLA 50th Birthday Celebration
Presents Band Showcase**

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2017
10:00 am – 12:00 noon
Administration Building (outside rear)

**SUSLA 50th Birthday Celebration
"Spirit Day Birthday Bash"**

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2017
10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Spirit Day Birthday Bash
Food/ Activities on the main campus
SUSLA Programs Showcase
Johnny L. Vance Student Center

**SUSLA 50th Birthday Celebration
Press Conference**

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2017
10:30 am – 11:00 am
Administration Building Foyer

Convocation

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2017
SUSLA Health & Physical Education
9:45am – 10:45 am
Sponsored by Student Activities

Vesper

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2017
Jesse N. Stone, Jr. Lecture Hall
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm

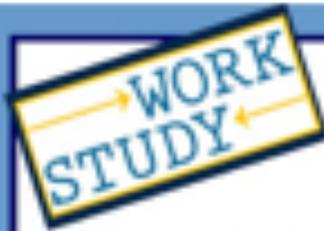
Celebration of Excellence Alumni Mixer

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2017
6:00 pm– 8:00 pm
Southern University Museum Arts
Shreveport (SUMAS)
610 Texas Ave., Shreveport, LA

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FEDERAL WORK STUDY

STUDENTS, FACULTY, & STAFF

MANDATORY MEETING



DATE

Sept 6th

TIME

10AM & 2 PM

LOCATION

Academy of Excellence in SUSLA Library



Office of Student Financial Aid & Scholarships

Those who desire to do Work Study or Supervise MUST attend
NO EXCEPTIONS!

JAGUAR OF THE MONTH

Chancellor Rodney Ellis recognizes
Cheryl Blackshire as "Jaguar of the Month"

Cheryl Blackshire has been employed with Southern University since 2006. Along with being an Assistant Professor in the School of Nursing, she is also the Clinical Coordinator. She has dedicated her years at SUSLA to helping students achieve excellence. Her students have gone on to be successfully employed in the field of nursing.

On our latest satisfaction survey, one student stated, "My experience thus far has been amazing! Ms. Cheryl Blackshire has been extremely helpful in her guidance and encouragement of my future with SUSLA."

*Great job, Ms. Blackshire!
Keep up the great work!*



Cheryl Blackshire
Assistant
Professor, School of
Nursing



Mark your calendar!

44th
Annual



Saturday, November 25, 2017 • 4PM KICKOFF
Mercedes-Benz Superdome • New Orleans, LA

44TH ANNUAL BAYOU CLASSIC



BAYOU CLASSIC PRESS CONFERENCE

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2017 • 10:00 AM
MERCEDES-BENZ SUPERDOME • GATE A

COACHES LUNCHEON (INVITE ONLY)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2017 • 12:00 NOON
HYATT REGENCY NEW ORLEANS

BAYOU CLASSIC BIZTECH CHALLENGE

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2017 • 1:00 PM
HYATT REGENCY NEW ORLEANS

SPONSOR RECEPTION (INVITE ONLY)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2017 • 5:00 PM
MERCEDES-BENZ SUPERDOME

GREEK SHOW & BATTLE OF THE BANDS

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2017 • 6:00 PM
MERCEDES-BENZ SUPERDOME

BAYOU CLASSIC PARADE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2017 • 10 AM
FRENCH MARKET TO MERCEDES-BENZ SUPERDOME

FAN FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2017 • 11:30 AM - 3:30 PM
CHAMPIONS SQUARE

THE 44TH ANNUAL BAYOU CLASSIC

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2017 • KICK-OFF: 4:00 PM
MERCEDES-BENZ SUPERDOME

THE OFFICIAL BAYOU CLASSIC AFTER PARTY

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2017 • DOORS: 11:00 PM
METROPOLITAN NIGHTCLUB • 310 ANDREW HIGGINS

BAYOU CLASSIC GOSPEL BRUNCH

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2017 • DOORS: 10:00 AM
HOUSE OF BLUES

FOR GAME DAY TICKETS AND HOTEL RESERVATIONS GO TO:
WWW.MYBAYOUCLASSIC.COM

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