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SUSLA RECEIVES \$175,000 FROM CADDO PARISH COMMISSION TO SUPPORT WORKFORCE EDUCATION

Caddo Parish Continues to Support Workforce Education at SUSLA. Southern University at Shreveport is the recipient of \$175,000 from the Parish of Caddo to support workforce education initiatives. For approximately seven years Caddo Parish has supported SUSLA as it provides a direct workforce pipeline to business and industry through its educational programs. SUSLA previously received Parish dollars to establish the Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN) and to support the Aviation Maintenance Technology (AMT) programs.



Specific outcomes of the 2018 project include: 1) increased number of Caddo residents enrolled in and completing high skill programs that lead to self-sufficiency; 2) multiple entry-points into career sector pathways; 3) adequate infrastructure for expansion/implantation of technical education programs of study, and 4) improved opportunities for success for educationally underprepared and recently incarcerated individuals.

The support of Caddo Parish has been critical to the development of new programs and the ability to sustain and enhance exiting program. Ms. Stephanie Graham, Director of Sponsored Programs, in collaboration with Janice B. Sneed, Vice Chancellor for Community and Workforce Development prepared to grant application for funding.



SUSLA EMPLOYEE RECEIVES APPOINTMENT BY THE GOVERNOR

Larry Ferdinand has been appointed to the Louisiana Public Facilities Authority (LPFA) by Governor John Bel Edwards. His appointment term is from September 8, 2017 to September 7, 2022.

Commenting on his new appointment, Ferdinand said: "I feel honored to receive Governor Edwards's appointment to the LPFA Trustee Board because it makes a significant positive impact on economic development statewide, resulting in the creation of thousands of jobs." According to the LPFA website, they also offer free college planning resources to students and parents through the LPFA's education division.

Ferdinand works in the Department of Community and Workforce Development as the Executive Director of Continuing Education. He is also a licensed real estate broker and veteran of the United States Army.

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ANGELIQUE FEASTER EVANS TO PRESENT AT 26TH NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Congratulations to Angelique Feaster Evans who has been selected to present at the 26th National Association of African American Studies National Conference. This year's conference will be held in Dallas, Texas, February 12-17, 2018. Mrs. Feaster Evans' presentation topic is Leading the Way: African American Women Founders of Nonprofit African American Theatres with an Eye Towards Future Leaders.



Angelique Feaster Evans represents Southern University Museum of Art Shreveport as a newly elected member of the 2018 Shreveport-Bossier Attractions Association Board of Directors. Feaster Evans serves on the Education Committee which coordinates, in conjunction with the Shreveport-Bossier Convention and Tourist Bureau, quarterly educational opportunities to help local attractions grow their customer base, enhance their marketing, and improve their financial outlook.

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FEBRUARY 17, 2018
9:00 am - 4:00 pm
SUSLA's New Dental Clinic
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Extraction
Cleaning or
Filling
(18 yrs. and older)

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SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY AT SHREVEPORT DENTAL HYGIENE CLINIC HOSTS FIRST "DENTISTRY FROM THE HEART" FREE DENTAL CARE EVENT

Southern University at Shreveport's Dental Hygiene Clinic has partnered with Miles For Smiles mobile dental care and Dentistry From The Heart to host a free dental care event February 17th. The event is for adults 18 years of age and over and will be held at Southern University at Shreveport's main campus located at 3050 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



Dr. Jeremy Alexander from Miles for Smiles and a team of volunteer dental professionals will provide free extractions, fillings, or cleanings. Hygienists, dental assistants and other dental professionals will also be donating their time and resources in order to provide free dental care to as many people as possible. *"In our mobile dentistry practice we see hundreds of children each year, said Dr. Alexander. "This event allows us to extend much needed care to parents and other adults who cannot afford dental services."*

The event provides a great opportunity for Southern University at Shreveport's Dental Hygiene program faculty and students to give back to the community while utilizing the resources of the Dental Hygiene Clinic located in our brand new facility on the main campus. *"In addition to the quality training we provide our students, service is a core value here at SUSLA,"* said Southern University at Shreveport Chancellor, Dr. Rodney Ellis. *"We encourage our students as they graduate and enter professional careers to use their education and resources to continue giving back to the Shreveport community."*

SUSLA MULTICULTURAL/INTERNATIONAL STUDENT AFFAIRS (MISA) AND NEW INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL CLUB FORM TO BETTER SERVE INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ON CAMPUS

The Office of Multicultural/International student affairs was developed in part to encourage and promote international communication, collaboration and cooperation through research and practical application of problem identification and issue solving techniques. Southern University at Shreveport has a goal to promote the development of global citizenship among its students and seeks to create a forum for issues of public policy in the international arena. All SUSLA units will collaborate to accomplish this goal.



MISA provides immigration counseling, coordinates the Homeland's Security (SEVIS Database System) and complies with the code of federal regulations as it pertains to F-1 visas. It also provides retention services for international students. As the Coordinator of Multicultural/International Student affairs, Ms. Danielle Anderson, serves as liaison and ombudsman between the university and international students, federal government, public and private agencies, and the community.



THE NEW INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL CLUB (ICC)

The ICC objective is to provide mutual understanding between individuals of various ethnic origins at Southern University at Shreveport, through social, cultural, and educational activities. Members of the International Cultural Club will develop a deeper understanding of international concerns, while fostering education and awareness programs about global perspectives at SUSLA and in the community. Conversely, the International Cultural Club will assist international students in gaining a better understanding of American culture and adjusting to life in the SUSLA community.



SUSLA PARTICIPATES IN THE 30TH ANNUAL AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY PARADE

In celebration of African American history month Southern University at Shreveport is proud to be a part of the Shreveport African American History parade each year. In 1988, The African American Parade Celebration held its first parade with only 50 people in attendance and 500 participants. Over time, the celebration has grown to attract tens of thousands of attendees and thousands of participants each year.

This year was the 30th year for the historic parade in downtown Shreveport. On the SUSLA float this year were representatives from SGA/SCB, Dental Hygiene, International Students, and University Police. The Chancellor's Car included Dr. Rodney Ellis, Dr. Melva Williams, and Ms. Leslie McClellon. The SUSLA Drumline also marched in the parade. Despite the cold temperatures and light rain, Southern University had a strong presence in the parade and in the crowd.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS / ACTIVITIES

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10 AT 10:30AM: ART AND SOUL OF SHREVEPORT EXPERIENCE TOUR

Southern University Museum of Art (SUMAS), 610 Texas Street, Shreveport, LA

The experience tour features a 90-minute guided, interactive tour of Southern University Museum of Art's collection of West and South African art and artifacts. The tour will be led by museum coordinator, Angelique Feaster-Evans. A highlight of the experience will be the group participatory drum circle and the creation of Adinkra art. The event is presented by the Southern University Museum of Art in partnership with Shreveport-Bossier Convention and Tourist Bureau. The cost for participation is \$20.

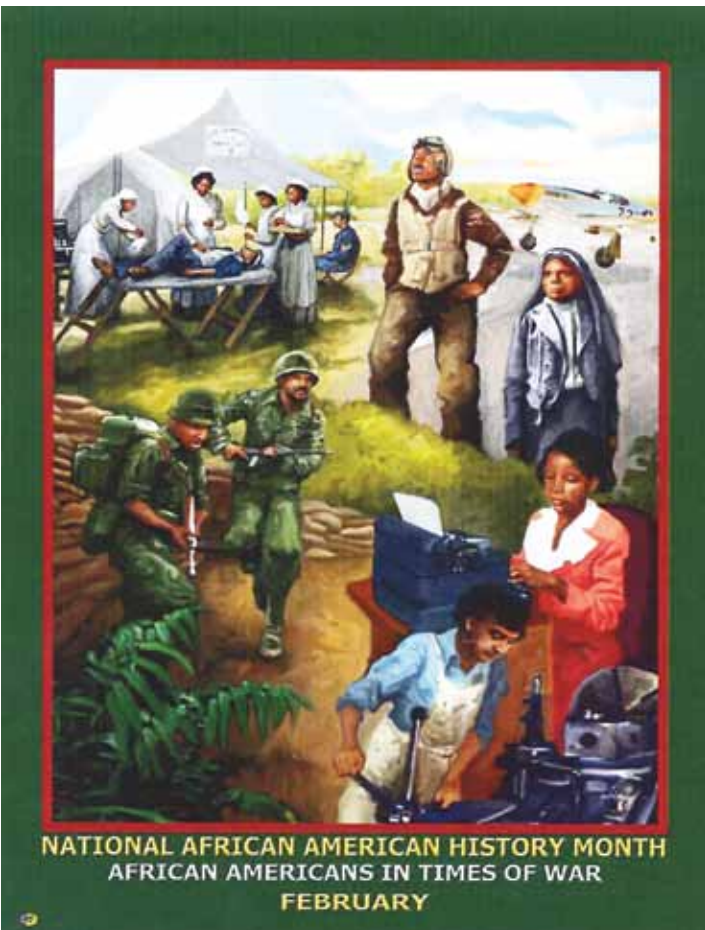
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27 AT 6PM: NORTHSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BLACK HISTORY MONTH PROGRAM - SUSLA METRO CAMPUS ATRIUM, 610 TEXAS STREET, SHREVEPORT, LA

Northside Elementary students will be performing a musical showcase featuring musicians, vocalist, and dancers as part of their annual Black History Month Program in the atrium of the SUSLA Metro campus. A reception will be held after the program in the Southern University Museum of Art (SUMAS). Free and open to the public. The exhibit is in partnership with Downtown Shreveport Artwalk and will run thru February 28, 2018. Free and open to the public.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28 AT 9:45AM: SUSLA BLACK HISTORY CONVOCATION FEATURING MK ASANTE - HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION COMPLEX (GYM), 3050 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DRIVE, SHREVEPORT, LA

Southern University at Shreveport (SUSLA) is proud to welcome best-selling author, award-winning filmmaker, recording artist, and distinguished professor, MK Asante at the university's Spring Convocation.

MK Asante is the author of, *Buck: A Memoir*, praised by Maya Angelou as "A story of surviving and thriving with passion, compassion, wit, and style." *Buck* made the Washington Post Bestseller List in 2014 and 2015 and has won numerous literary awards. Asante has lectured at Harvard, Yale, Stanford, as well as hundreds of other universities. Free and open to the public.



2018 Theme poster

SUSLA CELEBRATES BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Southern University at Shreveport (SUSLA) is pleased to announce a series of events and activities celebrating Black History Month. In addition to events partnered with community stakeholders, SUSLA will be hosting the following events:

BLACK HISTORY MONTH EXHIBIT

Wednesday, February 7th at 5:00 pm– 8:00 pm

OPENING RECEPTION - SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY MUSEUM OF ART (SUMAS), 610 TEXAS ST., SHREVEPORT, LA

The opening reception for "A Visual Journey of History, Culture, and Traditions of Louisiana African American Veterans" will feature the works of Wendell R. Wilson, Louisiana Master Folk Artist, Southern University Alum., and Army Veteran. The exhibit is in partnership with Downtown Shreveport Artwalk and will run thru February 28, 2018. Free and open to the public.

Welcome EMPLOYEES

Chief E. Page Reynolds serves in a dual capacity. As both a Lawman and an Ordained Minister, he has been preaching the Gospel for nearly 30 years. Chief Reynolds believes his Community Oriented Policing philosophy translates well on the SUSLA campus. Chief E. Page Reynolds has over twenty-five (25) years' experience in the criminal justice/law enforcement field. He is presently the Chief of Police at SUSLA. Before arriving in Louisiana, he served as an Investigations Commander, Patrol Shift Commander, and Chief of Police in Forrest City, Arkansas. Prior to his service in Forrest City, he served as Police Chief in Wilton, Maine. He spent many years as an investigator for the New Haven Police Department (New Haven, Connecticut); assigned to the Major Crimes/Homicide Unit.



He has investigated several hundred felony crimes (many of which were homicides). These investigations were followed by arrests and conviction in a court of law. He has participated in the execution of hundreds of search & seizure warrants and interviewed several hundred witnesses, suspects, victims, and informants. As a certified Police Academy Instructor (teaching "Interview & Interrogation" techniques) Chief Reynolds has successfully extracted numerous admissions and confessions in felonious crimes (including: homicides, robberies, assaults, and rape). Chief E. Page Reynolds is also an experienced Hostage Negotiator and held this official title with the New Haven Police Department. He is the recipient of numerous citations, commendations, and awards. Chief E. Page Reynolds and his wife, Diane, have been married for 30 years. They are the proud parents of four children and one grandchild.

SUSLA WELCOMES NEW EMPLOYEES

Billy Flowers –Educational Advocate – Trio

Lottie Elias- Program Coordinator Aerospace

Edward P Reynolds – Chief of Police

Tammy Moore- Transfer Analyst/Admission Counselor

Melanie Winslow- Records and Registration Coordinator/VA Educational Benefits

Jessica Lee- Financial Aid Advisor – College Connect BR

Daniel Murff –Financial Aid Specialist

Latora Green- Financial Aid Advisor/FWS Coordinator

Andrea Stewart – Interim Case Manager II

Darrell Street –Director of Facilities Management

Michael Cook – Paramedic Program Director

Gwendolyn Tennell – LMS Administrator

Nichole Bell- Admissions Officer



(l to r): Judy McIntosh, Facilities, Dr. Rodney A. Ellis and Lieut. Jeff Ivey, Campus Police

ANNUAL DRIVE RETURNS TO SUSLA CAMPUS

The Annual Drive has returned to the SUSLA campus with some departments reporting at 100% participation during kick off. Nearly \$10,000 has been pledged by SUSLA faculty and staff to date.

CONGRATULATIONS  **Student**
of the **Month**

MR. LARRY ROBINSON, III

Mr. Robinson became a student here at Southern University at Shreveport in 2017. He is a graduate of Bossier High school and was excited to come to Sotuhthern University at Shreveport to study Criminal Justice. He plays the position of point guard on the Port City Jaguars Men's Basketball team. As an athlete, Mr. Robinson is a valuable addition to the SUSLA Men's Basketball team and is one of the leading scorers on the team. He takes his studies as seriously as his athletics and has a 4.0 GPA.

He is active in many activities on campus and lives in the Jaguar courtyard. Mr. Robinson is a great addition to the Jaguar Nation and has a bright future at SUSLA and beyond.



Congratulations! Mr. Robinson

JAGUAR of the MONTH

Dr. Rodney A. Ellis, Chancellor

recognizes Aqueena Grant as "Jaguar of the Month"



MS. ACQUEENA GRANT, MA, Assistant Director of Admissions and Recruitment Acqueena Grant joined the Jaguar Nation in January of 2017 as the Assistant Director of Admissions and Recruitment. Although Ms. Grant is new to the SUSLA family, she has over 15 years of experience working as a director of Admissions. Ms. Grant hit the ground running. Since she came on board, SUSLA has started utilizing current scanning technology to manage prospective students by barcode scanning during offsite events.

Her main goal in recruiting has been to reach out more effectively to 21st century millennial students. Increasing communication with prospective students is also a major focus for her with an increased emphasis on reaching out through social media, email and text. Ms. Grant has brought her love for student success and drive to SUSLA and will continue to find innovative ways to add value to her work in admissions and recruiting.

Congratulations! Ms. Grant

*Prepare to take a journey
through the decades!*

MAY 5, 2018

Black Tie Event

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SUSLA GOLDEN GALA MAY 5, 2018 TICKETS NOW ON SALE

On September 19, 1967, Southern University Shreveport-Bossier (SUSBO) opened for instruction at 3050 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive. More than half a century later, SUSLA continues to serve the citizens of Northwest LA at its three campus sites throughout the city of Shreveport.

HONORING THOSE WHO HAVE HONORED US. Make plans to join us on May 5, 2018 when we honor past administrators, alumni, and friends. We will also pay "Special Tribute" to individuals who have helped sustain this great institution through the decades!

RESERVE YOUR TABLE AND TICKETS TODAY!

www.eventbrite.com (enter SUSLA 50th)



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