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## *Southern University Celebrates 137th Founders' Day*

*O Southern, Dear Southern, Thy praises we shall sing.*

Southern University's 137th Founders' Day Celebration comes on the eve of Southern University- Shreveport's 50th Year Commemoration. The Founders' Day program participants reflected on the history of the Southern University System, and Souther-nites reminisced about their tenure at one or more of the four campuses: Southern University at Baton Rouge, Southern University at New Orleans, and Southern University at Shreveport, and the Southern University Law Center. Doris Bennett Adams, SGA President 1967 at Southern University at Shreveport provided the audience with fond memories of a "SUSLA moment."



Doris Bennett Adams  
SGA President - 1967



Atty. S.P. Davis, Sr.  
Founders' Day Speaker

*O Southern, Dear Southern, We owe our all to Thee.*

Attorney S. P. Davis, the keynote Founders' Day Speaker, captivated the audience with his passionate and stimulating speech. He challenged students to do their best in all endeavors in order to achieve their goals, regardless of their immediate circumstances. Davis recounted his humble beginnings from a farm laborer in the cotton fields of North Louisiana. Our speaker was an honor graduate from Southern University-Baton Rouge in May 1971 and received top honors in the May 1973 graduating class of Southern University Law Center. Attorney Davis is licensed to practice in the local, state, and federal courts, including the United States Supreme Court. Currently he and daughter, Attorney Khar-men Davis, operate the Davis Law Office in Shreveport, Louisiana.

Davis is not only a servant to his community, but he is also an accomplished military veteran. He is the first and only African American to command the 3/379th Regiment, 4th Brigade, Bossier City Louisiana, 95th Division, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

### PODIUM GUESTS



(L to R: Margaret Hudson, Doris Bennett Adams, E. Jean Ware, Dr. Melva Williams, Shannon McCowan, Dr. Rodney A. Ellis, Atty. S.P. Davis, Atty. Mary Jackson, Winzer Andrews, Dr. Clifford McClain and Jeremy Smothers)



# A Quick Look... Southern University at Shreveport Founders' Day Celebration

*O Southern, Dear Southern, Thy name will ever be.*

Three Southernites who were members of the initial Southern University at Shreveport staff in 1967 were honored for their contributions. They were Alice Jones-Retired Business Studies Division Chair, Clifton Jones-Retired University Registrar, and Bobby Wiggins-Retired Music Department Head. The 137th Founders' Day Celebration served as a reunion for fellow Southernites and afforded students the opportunity to be inspired by persons who traveled the path students are now taking.

## Employees Recognized for Years of Service



L to R: Linzola Winzer (10), Dr. Regina Robinson (30), Barbara Austin (32), Angela Horikawa (10) and Phillippa George (10)



L to R: Clifton Jones, Alice Jones, Bobby Wiggins and Dr. Ellis



Some members of the first graduating class pictured with Dr. Ellis



Shannon Levingston McCowan served as Mistress of Ceremony



Dr. Ellis presented Atty. Davis with a Plaque of Appreciation



New Dimensions Choral Society

## Scholarship Presentation from David Raines Community Health Centers

During the SUSLA campus-wide meeting, March 28, 2017, Mr. Steven Jackson, Community Development Coordinator, presented Dr. Ellis with a **\$10,000** check. These funds are used for scholarships to nursing and other allied health students attending SUSLA.



## Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Presents \$10,000 Scholarship Check to SUSLA

Over 4,000 members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. gathered at their 85th South Central Regional Conference in Shreveport March 16th -19th and they brought with them a big donation for Southern University Shreveport (SUSLA). Dr. Melva Williams, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, coordinated with the President of local chapter, Sigma Rho Omega, and their President Mrs. Alice Cooper and member, Marquell Sennett, to organize the efforts. The check presentation was made at the Sorority's closing Gala which was held at the Shreveport Convention Center. The Chancellor of SUSLA, Dr. Rodney A. Ellis, and Vice Chancellor, Dr. Melva Williams, were present to receive the check in the amount of **\$10,000.00.**



Under the leadership of their International President, Dorothy Buckhanan Wilson, the Sorority's program theme is "Launching New Dimensions of Service." Under that umbrella, one of their focal points is "Think HBCU" with the goal of raising over 2 million dollars over a four year period for HBCU's. The Sorority partnered with Southern University Shreveport and Grambling State University by holding an Essence Experience Raffle. Through this effort, they raised \$20,000 according to Cooper. She also stated that whenever the Sorority comes together on a Cluster, Regional, National or International level, they aim to give back to HBCU's in that area.

*"I'm very excited about the partnership between SUSLA and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and their very generous donation," stated Dr. Ellis. "It shows how powerful we can be when we work together to reach a common goal. The funds will be used towards the advancement of our students' education."*

The sorority also donated \$10,000 to Grambling State University.



(L to R: Daphne Thibeaux, Dr. Tuesday Mahoney, Alice Cooper, Dr. Rodney A. Ellis, Dr. Melva Williams and Marquel Nicol)

## ROLAND MARTIN, NEWSONE ON LOCATION AT SUMAS

Renown TV personality, Roland Martin aired his daily news segment NewsOne on location, Friday March 17, 6 a.m., at Southern University Museum of Art Shreveport (SUMAS). Our very own, Dr. Rodney A. Ellis, was the featured guest for this segment. Dr. Ellis and Mr. Martin discussed the state of higher education in Louisiana and the massive budget cuts over the last nine years. In addition, SUSLA campus programming was also highlighted. Check out the full segment at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tifZGH0MYbg>.

Special thanks to Fred Moss, Robert Silvie, Gary Sanders, Corp. Carol Downs, Bobby Rhines, Angelique Feaster Evans, and Dr. Melva Williams for all you did to make this possible.



L to R: Roland Martin, NEWSONE Anchor and Dr. Ellis



### WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH EXHIBIT: GURLFRIENDOLOGY

Southern University Museum of Art Shreveport (SUMAS) hosted 'Gurfriendology: A Celebration of Women' exhibit opening reception, featuring the artworks of Louisiana artist, Karen La Beau. This solo exhibition was on display March 1-31, 2017.

The opening reception was held on Wednesday, March 1, from 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. SUMAS had approximately 85 visitors for the exhibit opening. "We are strong, beautiful and resourceful. I wanted to accentuate the comradery between women. Most women find their strength from their bonding time with their girlfriends, sisters and mothers" said Karen La Beau.



Karen LaBeau, Featured Artist

*Featured artworks on display from Karen La Beau*



*In honor of National Women's History Month, SUMAS wanted to highlight the dynamic works of a Louisiana woman artist. We are honored to showcase Karen La Beau's artwork that pays tribute to the many facets of womanhood and sisterhood" said Angelique Feaster Evans, Museum Coordinator.*

**IN CELEBRATION OF  
WOMEN'S  
HISTORY  
MONTH  
MARCH 2017**

*318 Restaurant Week:*

**Southern University Museum of Art Shreveport**

In celebration of Women's History Month, SUMAS participated in 318 Restaurant Week presented by Shreveport Bossier Convention Center. This living history dining adventure fed the guests hunger for creativity with an evening of art and cuisine focusing on African

American women who have had an impact on Louisiana culture and/or history. The historic Louisiana women were brought to life by members of Mahogany Ensemble Theatre included--Harriet Tubman, Clementine Hunter, Madam CJ Walker, and Mahalia Jackson. Hosted by Roxann Johnson, over twenty-five guests enjoyed culinary creations prepared by Chef Monique Mosa Armand of Sassi Café while discovering a little "art and soul" as they progressed through a delicious four course dinner including:

*Blackberry Bacon & Blue Cheese Salad  
Sausage White Bean & Spinach Soup  
Creole Chicken topped with Sauteed Vegetables  
over Garlic Mash Potatoes  
Classic Cheesecake with a Strawberry Sauce*

**Congratulations!**

**RADIOLOGIC  
TECHNOLOGY**

*Congratulations* to the Radiologic Technology Program. On March 28, 2017, the program received an Extension of Accreditation from the Joint Committee on Education in Radiology Technology (JRCERT). The initial accreditation in 2015 was for three years. The program's next site visit is tentatively scheduled for 2020. In addition, the 2016 Radiologic Technology graduates achieved on the national exam a 100% pass rate on the first attempt.

The program faculty consist of Shelia Swift, Program Director, Daphne Thibeaux, Clinical Coordinator, Benita Lawrence and Yvonne Williams, full-time Clinical Instructors, and Victo Cave', adjunct Clinical Instructor.

CONGRATULATIONS

Students  
of the Month

**I AM SOUTHERN...** *Meet sophomore and aspiring professional basketball player Caitlin Jenkins!*

Caitlin was born in Fort Hood, Texas but has been a resident of Shreveport for the past 17 years. A general studies/Physical Education & Health major with a 3.3 GPA, she plans to further her college career at a four year college. Her career goal is to play basketball overseas and become a teacher/coach.

After graduating from Huntington High School, I decided to play basketball for Southern Miss. After attending for one year, I began to get the feeling that I wanted to play for a home team. That's when I decided to enroll at Southern University Shreveport. My biggest influence in life has been Coach Foules. He stays on me, tracks my success and makes sure that I have what's needed to graduate and be successful in life.

My best experiences at SUSLA has been playing basketball. Through the sport, I've learned how to be organized, disciplined and work hard. I love my team and I'm proud that we won the conference championship this year. It was the first time that we've won the championship with Region 23. And, I also made the 2017 "All Region Team." My hard work at SUSLA is paying off. I've received scholarship offers from California State, Ole Miss, Texas Southern, Praire View, South Eastern Missouri, Georgia State and Rutgers University. According to Coach Foules, my invitation to Rutgers is a first for a SUSLA student.

As I move on in life, I will never forget Southern University Shreveport. I've learned that I can make a big impact no matter how small or big the school. I know that the opportunities that are in place for me is by the grace of God.



#Come Be Southern



**SUSLA RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY STUDENT  
WINS FIRST PLACE**

The SUSLA Radiologic Technology Program student Jessica Lowry was the first place winner of the 2017 Midwinter Junior Division Student Bee Competition hosted by the Louisiana Society of Radiologic Technologists (LSRT) in Alexandria, Louisiana at Louisiana State University Alexandria on Saturday, March 18th, 2017 - 1st place: Jessica Lowry, Southern University at Shreveport, 2nd and 3rd place: UL Monroe.

**Pictured: Shelia Swift, Program Director, Jessica Lowry 1st place LSRT Student Bee Winner, and Benita Lawrence Instructor**

Each year, students from accredited radiologic technology programs from across the state of Louisiana, individually compete in the LSRT Student Bee competition for accolades, monetary prizes and to champion their institution as having the winning students. The purpose of this competition is to encourage student membership in LSRT, to provide healthy competition among student technologists and to recognize the student who demonstrates expertise in radiologic technology theory.

Competing Institutions include: Northwestern State University, Louisiana, Baton Rouge General, McNeese State University, Louisiana State University at Alexandria, Louisiana State University at Eunice, Southern University at Shreveport and University of Louisiana at Monroe.

# SUMMER

## REGISTRATION

SUMMER SESSIONS 1&2 -

(Classes begin JUNE 5th)

SUMMER SESSION 3 -

(Classes begin July 7th)

FALL Semester

(Classes begin August 28th)

APPLICATIONS for admission **ACCEPTED 24-7**

For more information - contact:

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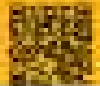
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# SUSLA Engage!



**BOOK DISCUSSION**

**Developing the Leader Within You**  
By John C. Maxwell

**MARCH 6, 2017**

Jesse N. Stone Lecture Hall

10:00 am - 12 noon

Discussion Leaders:

Dr. Michael Hicks and Guest Panelists



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CELEBRATES MARCH 2017

# Women's History Month

March 16, 2017 • 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Jesse N. Stone Lecture Hall

Panel Discussion Theme:

*"We Lead: Women as Game Changers"*

Guest Panelists:



Patricia Early, Agent  
State/Fair Housing



Honorable Shonda Stone  
District Judge



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# Announcements and Upcoming Events

**DON'T FORGET TO SIGN UP!**

**5K Run / Walk to End World Hunger**



**5K & 1 Mile Fun Run - Health Walk**

**Sat. April 8th - 8:00 am**

**Clyde Fant Parkway across from Sci-Port**



**Institute for Global Outreach**

Call 318-425-3351 or [IGOcures.org](http://IGOcures.org)



**sportspectrum**

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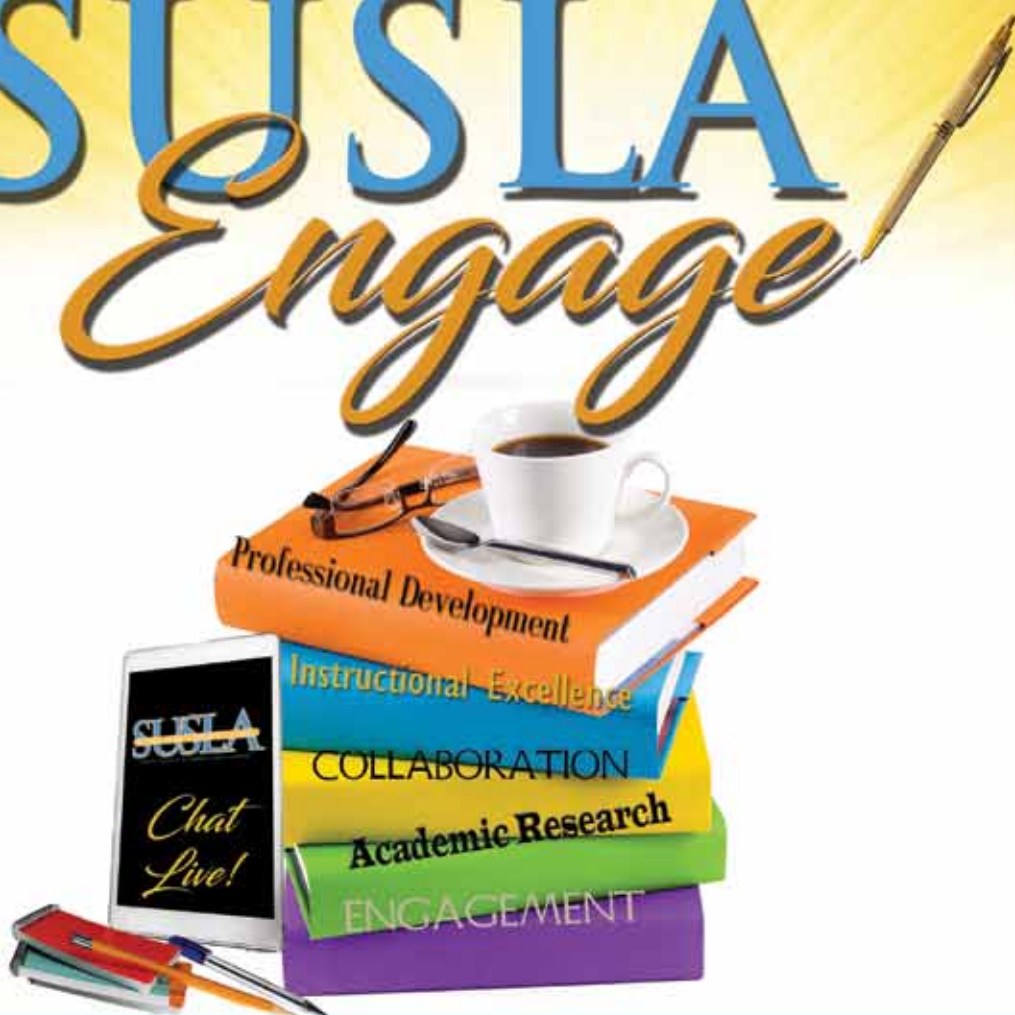


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# SUSLA

# Engage



**LET  
AVERAGE**

**GO >>>>**



**Joseph Washington**

Speaker, Author and Trainer

**APRIL 10, 2017**

Jesse N. Stone Lecture Hall

10:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

**Metro Center**

2:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.

(3rd Floor - Room 310)

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SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY AT SHREVEPORT

**JAGUAR**

**JUMP  
START**

**ORIENTATION**

**APRIL 13<sup>th</sup>**

**11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.**

**SUSLA Gym**

High school seniors and non-traditional students  
are invited to come out with family and friends for

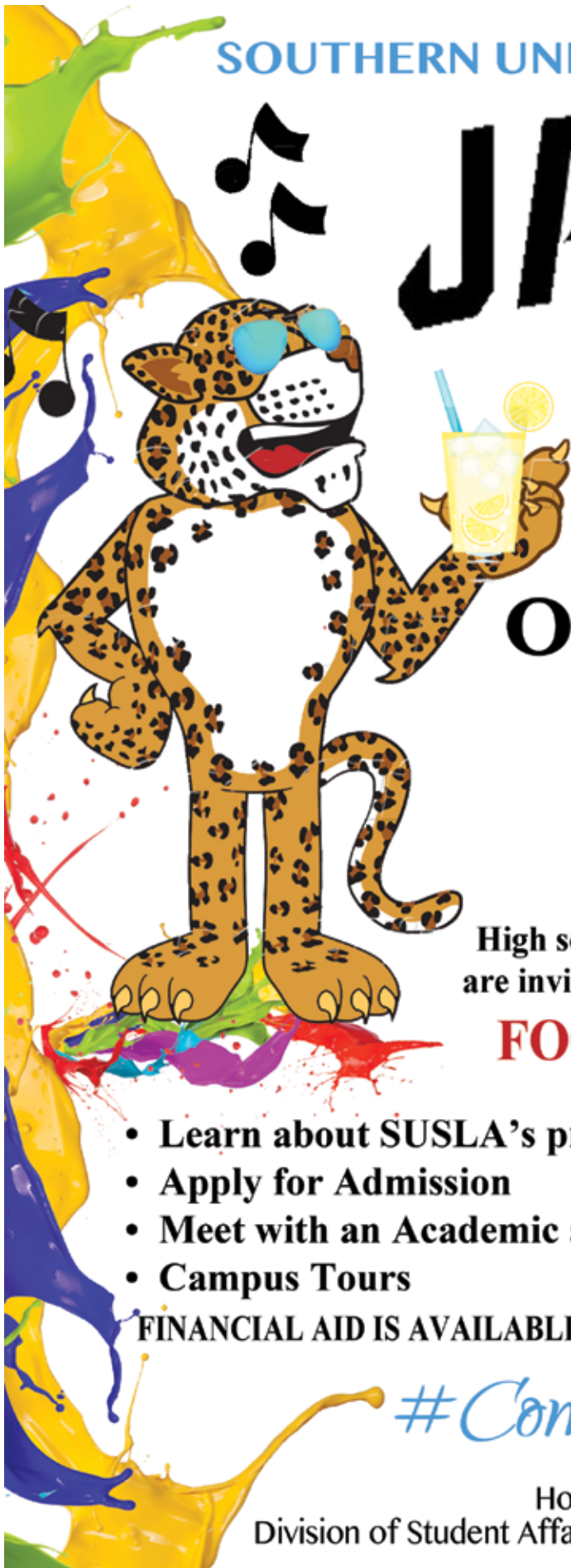
**FOOD, FUN and FACTS!**

- Learn about SUSLA's program offerings
- Apply for Admission
- Meet with an Academic and Financial Advisor
- Campus Tours

FINANCIAL AID IS AVAILABLE FOR THOSE WHO QUALIFY

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# SUMMER CAMP

## Five-Week Camp CEES Program for Grades K-5

The **Center for Energy and Environmental Studies (CEES)**, Southern University is offering camps that create an environment in which K-8th grade students are exposed to Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) areas, and have the opportunity to utilize green science with a concentration on recycling, reducing carbon footprints, exploring alternative forms of energy, and providing transformative technological concepts that will allow students to embrace the use of alternative fuels as a means to reduce the country's dependence on foreign oil.

**Dates:** Classes held Monday - Friday, May 30-June 30, 2017

**Time:** 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday - Thursday and 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. on Fridays

**Location:** Southern University at Shreveport (SUSLA),

Metro Center, 610 Texas Street, Room TBA, Shreveport, Louisiana 71101

**Cost:** \$395.00 per student, plus non-refundable registration fee \$85.00

**Coordinator:** Brittany Bass Arvie B.A., MBA, J.D., Camp CEES Shreveport-Camp Director

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To view brief video, go to: [www.campcees.com](http://www.campcees.com)

### Benefits:

- Students assigned to one of three separate classrooms according to grade level
- Students taught by certified teachers specialized in STEM fields
- Registration fee includes cost of liability insurance
- Registration service fee includes camp t-shirt
- Lunch and snacks provided
- Students will go on field trips

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Department of Continuing Education,  
C/O Cashier's Window  
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### To Register in Person:

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Cashier's Window  
3050 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive  
Shreveport, LA 71107

Registration deadline is **Friday, May 19, 2017**

**Seats are limited – REGISTER NOW. For more information, call 318-670-9571.**



# 2017

# CHEER AND Dance Tryouts



**Thursday - Friday  
May 25<sup>th</sup> & May 26<sup>th</sup>**

**6:00 pm - 8:00 pm**

**Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup>**

**10:00 am - Noon**

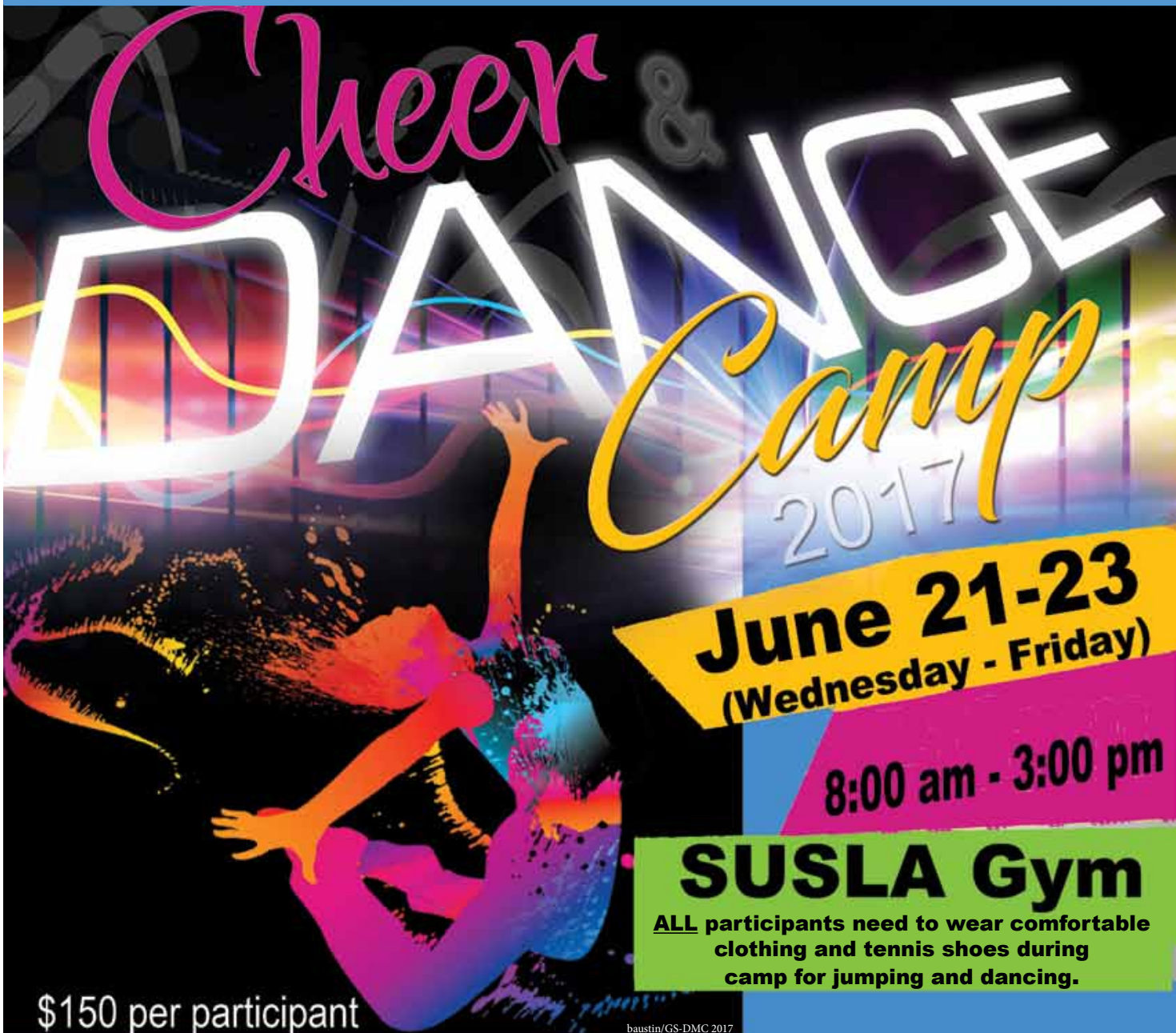
**SUSLA GYM**

**Contact - Marak Hall @ (318) 489-7529**

**\$30 tryout Fee**

**(Participants MUST PAY at (Cashier's Window))**

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\$150 per participant

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### *Cheer*

- Stunts & Pyramids
- Cheers & Chants
- Jump Workshop
- Team Building
- Custom
- Choreography

### *Dance*

- Leveling / Kicks / Leaps / Jumps
- Stage Presence
- Team Building
- Techniques
- Routine and Routine B
- Choreography

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## SUSLA Welcomes Don Howard

Don Howard recently joined the SUSLA family in the Division of Community and Workforce Development as the Director of Workforce Solutions. Don will be responsible for planning and establishing Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs to satisfy the strategic aims of the university. Don has more than 15 years of experience in the field of Workforce Development and Higher Education. Prior to joining SUSLA he served as the Regional Director for Troops to Teachers for both Louisiana and Arkansas. He has also worked as Associate Director of the Louisiana State University Career Service Center in Baton Rouge, Deputy Director for the Louisiana Workforce Commission, Director of Career Services at Gwinnett Technical College in (Lawrenceville, GA and Regional Director of the Georgia Fatherhood Program in Atlanta.



**Don Howard**  
Director of Workforce Solutions

Don received a BA in Sociology and a MS in Educational Leadership from Mississippi State University. In addition, he is a Global Career Development Facilitator and Instructor. He served 16-years in the Army National Guard and US Army Reserve and was commissioned as an officer through ROTC at Mississippi State University. He attained the rank of Captain before being honorably discharged. Don is very active in the community serving on the Board of Directors of Junior Achievement, Shreveport Rotary, and the Gingerbread House.

## *Chancellor Ellis is pleased to announce the Jaguar of the Month*



### ***The Jaguar of the Month is Ms. Shanace Robinson.***

Ms. Robinson has been the Youthbuild Shreveport Program Manager for 2 years. The YouthBuild program trains youth ages 16 to 24 who have not completed high school or may be part of a disadvantaged youth population. YouthBuild affords at-risk students the opportunity to earn their HiSET degree and National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER) construction certification through traditional classroom experiences and service learning projects. Under Ms. Robinson's leadership, YouthBuild Shreveport has received almost 2 million dollars in grant funds from the USDOL. In addition, They have received \$35,000 to facilitate a volunteerism initiative with their student, \$12,000 to establish a mentorship program, and most recently \$1500.00 to implement a second Mental Toughness curriculum.

Youthbuild Shreveport has served over 60 students since it was established in 2014.

Ms. Robinson, an Air Force veteran, has a BS in Management from Park University and a MBA from Liberty University. In addition to ensuring that all compliance and performance measures are accomplished, Ms. Robinson establishes and maintains partnerships which lead to employment opportunities for the students in the program. She is a quiet but insightful thinker who always looks for ways to better serve the students and industry.

*Congratulations Ms. Robinson!*



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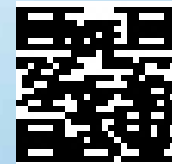
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