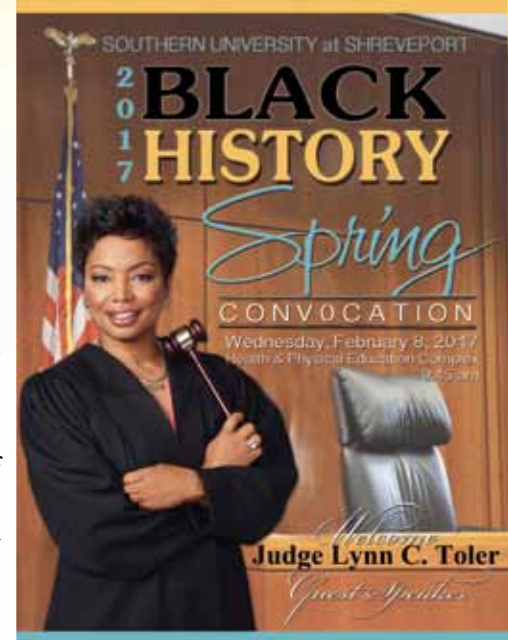


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SPRING CONVOCATION HOSTS JUDGE LYNN TOLER

Southern University at Shreveport Division of Student Affairs, Department of Student Activities hosted the Black History Spring Convocation on February 8, in the Health and Physical Education Complex. The featured guest speaker for this occasion was none other than Judge Lynn C. Toler. She is currently the host of the nationally syndicated and Emmy Nominated television show, "Divorce Court". She is a graduate of Harvard University and The University of Pennsylvania Law School. As a young woman, Toler attended law school at Harvard, then segued from a career as an impassioned litigator to a Republican-backed judge on the Cleveland Heights Municipal Court. She reportedly won her first election to that post (opposite incumbent Russell Baron) by merely six votes. Her unusual and innovative sentencing on the bench (such as granting shorter incarceration terms to convicts who completed book reports) drew the attention of a local television station, which in turn recommended Toler to Fox for its courtroom reality series Power of Attorney; she was immediately hired, making her the contemporary of such popular TV judges as Judge Joe Brown and Judge Judy Sheindlin. Unfortunately, Power of Attorney folded not long after Toler arrived, but she received an even more prestigious assignment



(L to R: Marsha Smith, Judge Lynn Toler, Dr. Joseph Orban, Dr. Rodney Ellis and Professor June Phillips.



Also in attendance and pictured with Judge Toler were a group of students from Job Corps Shreveport, who were chaperoned by Reginald L. Belton, Career Preparation Coordinator.

by headlining the similar program Divorce Court.

During this event Professor June Phillips, Dr. Joseph Orban and Marsha Smith were presented with the past, present, and future Trailblazer Awards.

Judge Toler addressed the university community and highlighted some of her life experiences. She went on to share a number of life lesson: depth, breath, perspective, exuberance, scope and scale.

During Toler's speech she motivated the audience to live a layered life. Toler wanted the audience to embrace the living and learning process, even in the hardest times. She concluded her speech with excitement with emphasis on go for what you love and don't let money guide your passion.

Hello!
SPRING
is in the air

JOB SHADOW DAY 2017



SUSLA HOSTS JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT JOB SHADOW DAY

Southern University at Shreveport (SUSLA), in partnership with Junior Achievement of Louisiana, hosted the “First Annual SUSLA Junior Achievement 8th Grade Job Shadow Day.” The purpose of Job Shadow Day was to give eight-grade students of Booker T. Washington High School an opportunity to observe SUSLA’s academic programs and career and technical certification offerings.

Upon arrival, students attended an orientation in the Jessie Stone Lecture Hall. Mrs. Leslie McClellon, Chief Administration and Operations Officer, shared a motivational moment in which she discussed her educational background and successes in her career. Her presentation also enlightened students on various careers in higher education. Mr. Jeremy Smothers, President of the Student Government Association, spoke about leadership opportunities at SUSLA, as well as his personal journey as a SUSLA student. The orientation included a college readiness icebreaker facilitated by Ms. Queena Grant, Assistant Direct of Admissions and Recruitment.

Dr. Tuesday Mahoney and Ms. Queena Grant led the students on an interactive tour of the campus, which included career discussions and other pertinent information by the following: Mrs. Jane O’Riley, University Librarian and her staff; Mr. Major Brock, Assistant Vice Chancellor of Student Success, who presented an overview of the “First Year Experience” on a college campus; Dr. Mahoney shared an exploration of the five-year career plan and the components of goal setting; and Ms. Grant discussed the benefits of SUSLA’s Dual Enrollment program.

Later, a fair was arranged for the students to introduce them to the academic programs and support services offered at SUSLA. Each student had an opportunity to discuss their knowledge of SUSLA’s academic offerings and various career and technical occupations.

Credit is in order to all divisions and individuals who took the time to participate in this awesome experience, which ultimately ensured that this first Job Shadow Day was a special and highly successful event. A heartfelt “thank you” is given to: Allied Health and Nursing (Respiratory Therapy, Surgical Technology, Radiologic Technology, Nursing, and Dental Hygiene); Humanities, Health Information Technology; and Student Affairs (Trio Educational Opportunities Center, Financial Aid and Scholarships, Trio Student Support Services and Trio Upward Bound programs). The SUSLA Junior Achievement Job Shadow journey closed with a visit to the University Bookstore, Jaguar Courtyard, and to the Johnny Vance Student Center.



A “special thank-you” is given to Dr. Rodney Ellis, Chancellor, for sponsoring lunch for participants, and to Mrs. Nita Cook, Coordinator of Northwest Louisiana Junior Achievement.

In Celebration of
Black History Month



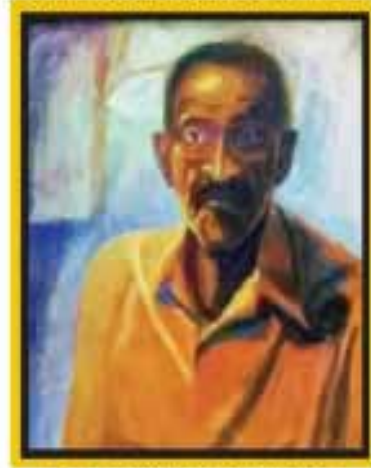
SUMAS BLACK HISTORY MONTH EXHIBIT OPENED FEB. 1

Southern University Museum of Art Shreveport (SUMAS) hosted the 'Celebrating the Legacy of a Pioneer in the Visual Arts. The opening reception was held Wednesday, February 1st from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m.

Roosevelt Daniel's exhibit opening reception, featured artworks of the Roosevelt Daniel Art Guild members who were former students of the late Roosevelt Daniel.

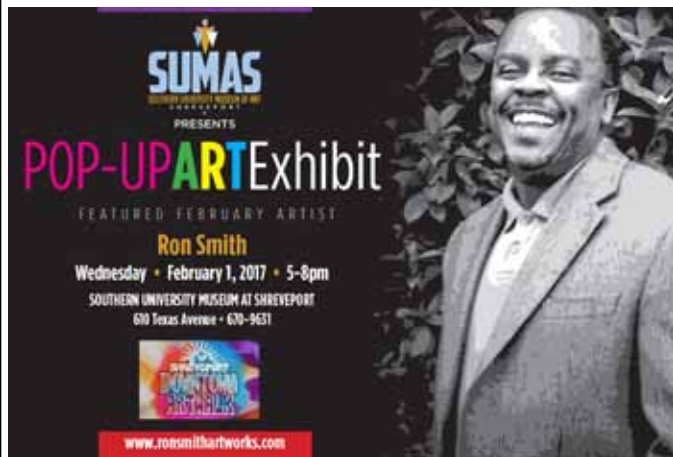
A special pop-up exhibit featuring the work of Ron Smith was also on display opening night.

CELEBRATING THE LEGACY OF A PIONEER IN THE VISUAL ARTS



ROOSEVELT DANIEL

Founding Chair, SUSLA Art Department



ROOSEVELT DANIEL ART GUILD

Museum Coordinator Angelique Feaster Evans said,



“SUMAS is proud to honor the life and legacy of Mr. Roosevelt Daniel who was the founding chair of the Art Department at SUSLA.”



Sharon Taylor

Wendee Davis

Daphne Washington

Just a few Snapshots

Community friends and supporters included: Henry Price, Caddo Parish Schools Art Supervisor; Ernest Baylor Jr., Caddo Bossier Port Commissioner and former LA State Representative, Jessie Pitts, Terry 'TJ' Coleman, Woodrow Evans, Claude White, Donald Johnson. The guild members were former junior high, high school and college students of the late Roosevelt Daniel, the founding chair of SUSLA Art Department.



The exhibits were on display Feb. 1-28. This free public event was part of the monthly Shreveport Downtown Artwork—held every first Wednesday from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m.

The Information Technology Center Presents “From the Out House to the White House”

The Information Technology Center (ITC), under the leadership of Interim Director Ms. Carolyn Miller, hosted one in a series of University events during February to celebrate Black History Month.

The theme for this year’s program was “*From the Out House to the White House*”. Thirty-three (33) students from Shreveport Job Corps were special guests of the ITC Department. Ms. Flossie Ward and Beatrice Brooks of Greater Hope Baptist Church, Ms. Elester Cooper from National Association University of Women, and Mr. Elijah Teh-Teh, SUSLA IT Technician made presentations on Black History.



Mrs. Corine Ambler, Business Communication Liaison, from Job Corps Shreveport, stated: “*The students benefited greatly from the presentations of the speakers. The students were inspired by the presentation of Mr. Elijah Teh -Teh*”. She also stated, “*They were focused and invested in the information that was presented.*”

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Mrs. Ambler expressed her level of amazement as to how engaged and the level of enthusiasm and responsiveness the students demonstrated during Mrs. Christella Jackson, SUSLA’s Telecommunications Manager, conversation with the Job Corps students. The students were given the opportunity to share with the audience their dreams, career plans, and aspirations for the future. Mrs. Ambler was especially excited and pleased when one of her most shy students was one of the first to respond.

The students were chaperoned by former 2010 SUSLA graduate, Reginald Levell Belton, Career Preparation Coordinator, Job Corps Shreveport.

Black History Parade

SUSLA participated in Shreveport's Annual Black History Parade, February 2, 2017. This parade is hosted each year by State Representative Barbara M. Norton. This year participating in the parade were Dr. Rodney A. Ellis, Chancellor, Miss SUSLA, Amari Shanks, Jeremy Smothers, SGA President, Miss Freshman, Zakiya Chambers, escorted by SUSLA student Johnathan White, and more than forty faculty, staff and students.



The parade is one of several activities to occur during Black History Month and the Mardi Gras season in Shreveport. Representative Norton noted Shreveport hosts the largest Black History Month parade in the United States.



ROBINSON FILM CENTER



Movie Night



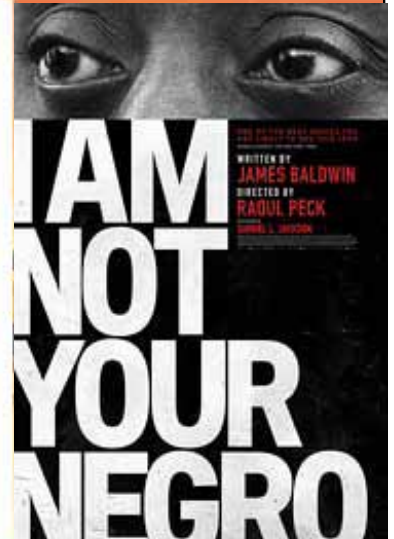
FEBRUARY 9, 2017 - MOONLIGHT

A look at three defining chapters in the life of Chiron, a young black man growing up in Miami. His epic journey to manhood is guided by the kindness, support and love of the community that helps raise him.

FEBRUARY 23, 2017 - I AM NOT YOUR NEGRO

In his new film, director Raoul Peck envisions the book James Baldwin never finished - a radical narration about race in America, using the writer's original words. He draws upon James Baldwin's notes on the lives and assassinations of Medgar Evers, Malcolm X, and Martin Luther King Jr to explore and bring a fresh and radical perspective to the current racial narrative in America.

Robinson Film Center featured this documentary, February 23rd. After the viewing, Dr. Rodney Ellis, Chancellor, along with Dr. Lonnie McCray, Pastor Theron Jackson, and Mrs. Angelic Feaster participated as panelists providing perspectives on the films relevance in modern times. They also took questions from the audience and panelists facilitator Dr. Melva Williams.



BLACK HISTORY DOOR DECORATING CONTEST

The Black History Door Decorating Contest, chaired by Jerushka Ellis, was an African American Heritage event hosted the week of Feb. 13-20. The winner of this event was Mr. Kevin Watson, Program Office Support Specialist-Student Support Services Dept. of the \$75, 1st prize.

There were 4 categories judged, *Visual Impact, Craftmanship, Completeness, and Originality/Creativity.* Kevin scored 28 pts. out of 36 possible pts.

*Congratulations to Mr. Kevin Watson
in Student Support Services!*



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WHO:
SPRING 2017 PROSPECTIVE GRADUATES

WHEN:
Thursday, March 30, 2017
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

WHERE:
Johnny L. Vance Student Center Multipurpose Room

- WHY:**
- Retrieve regalia (cap and gown).
 - Retrieve commencement announcements.
 - Obtain answers to graduation questions.
 - Secure required signatures on the *Graduation Check-Out Form*.
 - Check out the great products for graduates from the Follett Bookstore.
 - Capture this special moment (in your cap and gown) with J Brown Photography.
 - Proof of payment is required for photo opportunity.



NOTE: All students are strongly encouraged to attend the SUSLA Spring 2017 Career and College Transfer Fair scheduled for Monday, April 24, 2017. Representatives will be stationed in the external corridors of the Johnny L. Vance Student Center, 9:00 a.m. – Noon.

This event is sponsored by the Registrar's Office and the Follett Bookstore.

Jaguar of the Month

Associate Professor Jennifer Green



A new student said, "I wasn't sure what to do to get my classes because I hadn't been to school in years. I was looking lost, and then a nice teacher asked if she could help. She sat down with me and walked me through the steps. She didn't have to help because she was about to leave the campus, but she stayed and helped me until I was finished".

Dr. Ellis recognizes faculty member, Jennifer Green, as "Jaguar of the Month".

Congratulations! Associate Professor Green



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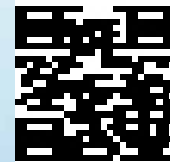
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