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**SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY AT SHREVEPORT DENTAL HYGIENE CLINIC AND MILES FOR SMILES MOBILE DENTISTRY SEE RECORD NUMBER OF PATIENTS DURING FREE DENTISTRY EVENT**



Over 200 people came out Saturday, February 17th to receive free dental care as part of Southern University at Shreveport's first free dental care event. SUSLA Dental Hygiene Clinic partnered with Miles For Smiles mobile dental care and Dentistry From The Heart to host the event for the local community.



Over 80 individuals registered for services within the first hour and registration was cut off at 169 individuals. Volunteer providers began work on patients immediately and many stayed until 6:30pm to insure as many patients as possible could be seen before supplies ran low.

*"This event is a great opportunity for our students to give back to the community while getting the hands on experience with patients that the clinic was created for," said, SUSLA Chancellor, Dr. Rodney A. Ellis.*



## FREE Dentistry Event

Mrs. Terri Johnson, SUSLA Dental Hygiene Clinic Coordinator and Mrs. Lynne Eatman, SUSLA Dental Hygiene Director along with our dental hygiene students and volunteer providers were able to provide cleanings to 32 patients in the clinic. Another 82 patients were seen for extractions and fillings on the Miles For Smiles mobile dental care unit. A total of 114 patients were given

free care at the event.

Many patients could not be seen due to other medical reasons.

Community partners from David Raines Community Health Center, Project Celebration, MLK Health Center & Pharmacy, Family and Community Engagement-Caddo Parish Schools, LSU & SU Ag Centers, Shreveport Green, and the Philadelphia Center provided valuable information and services to participants while they waited to be seen.



Volunteers from Kappa League, SUSLA Allied Health Programs, STEM, and TRIO Program helped to manage the crowd and keep the events moving. Community sponsors Brookshire's, Walmart Neighborhood Store, and Aramark provided food for the participants and volunteers.



Celebrate  
**BLACK HISTORY**  
 Month 2018

**NAUW HOST BLACK HISTORY MONTH PROGRAM**

In celebration of Black History month, the National Association University of Women (NAUW) Shreveport Branch sponsored a fantastic program on Saturday, February 17, 2016 in the Jesse N. Stone, Jr. Lecture Hall on the Southern University-Shreveport campus. The audience was intrigued as the program began with the echoes of such angelic



voices as that of Mrs. Brenda Wimberly, nationally known opera singer, Mr. Vinson Williams, Mr. Rashon Hudson, and Ms. Terry Banks.



One of the highlights of the program was the Northside Elementary School Drum-Line and Dancers who came in marching and dancing, gave a wonderful performance. The Mt. Canaan Youth Home Study Support Group of six amazing young boys ranging from age twelve to fourteen years did an outstanding

dramatization on *“What’s in Your Life”*.

SUSLA’s Upward Bound North students presented a magnificent drama entitled, *“Rosa Parks Going to Jail”*. The last of the performers took us back to the plantation life of the black man in America. The Greater Hope Baptist Church performers captured the audience by demonstrating the life style of the black man on the plantation. They dressed in plantation clothes and explained the use of several items such as the outhouse, the old iron pot, rub board, the slop jar, the wash pan, the iron stove, etc. The young people were in awe as they saw some of the life styles and hardships their forefathers had to go through.



The guest speaker was Shreveport Mayor Ollie Tyler who spoke on *“African Americans in Times of War”*. She

spoke on the hardships of the black men who chose to join the army. Mayor Tyler explained that the soldiers were proud to take on the responsibility of fighting for the rights of men regardless of their skin color. Mayor Tyler emphasized the importance of being proud of who you are and where you came from. She encouraged the audience to keep telling the story of the heritage of the black man from one generation to the next, stay in school, obey the rules, and do unto others as you will have them do unto you.



Telecommunications Manager, Christella Jackson, served as chair for the event.

## MK ASANTE TO SPEAK AT SUSLA BLACK HISTORY CONVOCATION



The best-selling author, award-winning filmmaker, recording artist, and distinguished professor, MK Asante will be the featured speaker at the 2018 Black History Convocation. He 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. *Buck* is currently being adapted into a major motion picture.

Asante studied at the University of London, earned a B.A. from Lafayette College, and an M.F.A. from the UCLA School of Theater, Film, and Television. His work has been featured on the CNN, NPR, The Breakfast Club, VH1, and MTV. His essays have been published in the New York Times and USA Today. Asante’s inspirational story “*The Blank Page*” is featured in the #1 New York Times best-seller, *Chicken Soup for the Soul: 20th Anniversary Edition*.

He has lectured at Harvard, Yale, Stanford, as well as, hundreds of other universities. Asante has toured in over 40 countries and was awarded the Key to the City of Dallas, Texas. As a recording artist, he was recently featured on the album *Indie 500* by Grammy winning producer 9th Wonder & Talib Kweli.

Asante is a Distinguished Professor at the MICA Business School in India and a tenured professor of English and Film at Morgan State University.

## SUSLA JAGUARS FIRST TO SEE THE MOVIE BLACK PANTHER

Southern University at Shreveport students were among the first to see the movie *Black Panther* on opening night. Students enjoyed dinner and a movie thanks to a collaboration of sponsors whose goal was to provide students with an experience to remember. *Black Panther* is the 18th movie in the Marvel Cinematic Universe, a franchise that has made \$13.5 billion at the global box office over the past 10 years. (Marvel is owned by Disney).

The movie *Black Panther* is significant because it depicts African images in an empowering and connective framework. Students left the movie inspired about their heritage. SUSLA students not only enjoyed the movie but also the opportunity to fellowship with fellow SUSLA classmates and mentors. The *Black Panther* movie and dinner series were sponsored by Student Government Associate President, Rebecca Gilliam’s, Director of Student Activities, Dr. Melva Williams, Vice Chancellor SA&EM, Willie Siglar, Success Coach, Marci Collins, Professor, and Dr. Tuesday Mahoney, Assistant Vice Chancellor for College Access.



## ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INC., SIGMA RHO OMEGA CHAPTER A.S.C.E.N.D TOUR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT AROUND SUSLA CAMPUS



Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Sigma Rho Omega Chapter A.S.C.E.N.D recently participated in Health Careers exploration at Southern University at Shreveport's Dental Hygiene Clinic (now located on the main campus on Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive). Chancellor, Dr. Rodney A. Ellis, took time away from the free dental event to greet the Sigma Rho Omega Chapter A.S.C.E.N.D. and show some Jaguar Pride. Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated's signature youth enrichment program, ASCEND<sup>SM</sup> is designed to motivate, engage and assist high school students in reaching their maximum potential.

ASCEND<sup>SM</sup> focuses on Achievement, Self-Awareness, Communication, Engagement, Networking and Developmental Skills. Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Sigma Rho Omega Chapter A.S.C.E.N.D host its monthly enrichment session on the campus of Southern University at Shreveport, which allows 9th – 12th graders exposure to a HBCU campus experience.

SUSLA offers many Career and Technical Education opportunities that can expand success in students' career pursuits.

While on campus, AKA Sigma Rho Omega Chapter A.S.C.E.N.D program participants also experienced a cultural exploration of Pakistan and Nigeria cultures with the SUSLA International Cultural Club new officers. Students and guests learned about language, cultural greetings, clothing, religious practices, food, and human rights issues (Model U N topic) effecting various African tribes.



# 100%

## SUSLA PRACTICAL NURSING (LPN) PROGRAM GRADUATES ACHIEVE 100% FIRST TIME PASS RATE

The Fall 2017 graduates of Southern University at Shreveport's Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN) program have earned a 100% first time pass rate on the NCLEX-PN! They join the very first cohort in reaching this goal.

Congratulations to these eight graduates and the faculty and staff of the Practical Nursing program.

The Practical Nursing program began in January 2013 and is one of three programs under the nursing umbrella at SUSLA: Certified Nursing Assistant, Practical Nursing, and Registered Nursing.



*Congratulations!*  
**Dental Hygiene Program**  
**97% National Exam Pass Rate**

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## SUSLA TRIO PROGRAMS TAKE STUDENTS ON SPRING COLLEGE AND CULTURAL TOUR TO THE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA AT LAFAYETTE

Southern University at Shreveport's TRiO Upward Bound Programs hosted a Spring College and Cultural Tour Saturday, January 27, 2018. TRiO Programs (Upward Bound Sabine, Upward Bound North, Upward Bound South, Upward Bound Desoto, and Upward Bound Natchitoches) took a combined 110 students to the University of Louisiana at Lafayette to engage in college readiness workshops on money matters, college majors, and decision-making. Students were also able to tour the University of Louisiana at Lafayette's campus.

Southern University at Shreveport's five TRiO Upward Bound Programs provide services in four parishes. The programs provide services for individual's 9th - 12th grade who are first generation and low income.

SUSLA also has three additional Federal TRiO programs including Upward Bound Talent Search, Educational Opportunities Center, and Veterans Upward Bound serving middle school, adults, and Veterans.



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

**SOPHOMORE, OLUWABUNMI ELIZABETH SOBUKOLA**

Oluwabunmi Elizabeth Sobukola is a 17-year-old sophomore that left Nigeria with hopes of experiencing more educational opportunities. She was only 16-years-old when she took on this international journey to study abroad. Ms. Sobukola chose Southern University at Shreveport to obtain a criminal justice degree. She aspires to attend law school, in the United States to help low-income families fight for justice and fair treatment.

Ms. Sobukola has set the example of excellence by maintaining a 3.9 GPA. She has served as a Student Support Services tutor on campus. Ms. Sobukola embodies the essence of student engagement by participating in multiple organizations on campus and motivating other international students to get involved. She is a natural born leader as demonstrated by her peers; who recently elected Ms. Sobukola to serve on the International Cultural Club's (ICC) Executive Leadership Committee as the first President. Hats off to our "Student of the Month" Ms. Oluwoabunmi Elizabeth Sobukola!



*Congratulations! Ms. Sobukola*

**JAGUAR of the MONTH**

**Dr. Rodney A. Ellis, Chancellor**

*recognizes Elijah Teh-Teh as "Jaguar of the Month"*



Elijah Teh-Teh, Network Manager Information Technology Center, Southern University at Shreveport

Mr. Teh-The has been a valuable member of the I.T. team here at SUSLA for 9 years. He is always quick to lend a hand on any project and provide support and resources for problem solving when it comes to issues with on campus technology. He is originally from Liberia and has lived, worked and attended school in many countries. He began at SUSLA as a student in the CNET Program and quickly became a stand out employee. He was promoted to Network Manager in the fall of 2017. Mr. Teh -Teh has a love of learning and self-improvement and is currently pursuing a degree from Southern University Baton Rouge online.

In addition to his education and work accomplishments, he volunteers selflessly to support our students on his own time. He has served as a soccer coach, leads the SUSLA Baptist Colligate Ministries group every Thursday night, and volunteers countless hours working with International students as a mentor and counselor. He is an excellent employee, mentor, minister, and volunteer who has given so much back to the Jaguar Nation and we are blessed to have him on campus.

*Congratulations! Mr. Teh-Teh*

# Welcome EMPLOYEES



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University Recruiter



Phillip Swift, Instructor  
Surgical Technology Clinical



Latoria Willis Thomas  
Special Assistant to the  
VC of Student Affairs &  
Chief Finance Officer



Urina Holt, Director of  
Veterans Upward Bound

## Campus Announcements

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### “Building Wealth Through Government Contracting”

**February 28, 2018**

1:30 pm - 4:00 pm

SUSLA Metro Campus (Museum)

610 Texas Street

Shreveport, LA 71101

### Hands-on Registration and Certification Workshop

(immediately following)

Metro Computer Lab (1st floor)

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

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*Gala*

## SUSLA 50TH GOLDEN GALA: A JOURNEY THROUGH THE DECADES

On May 5, 2018 Southern University at Shreveport, LA (SUSLA) will hold its highly anticipated 50th Golden Gala at 421 Texas Street in downtown Shreveport. Sponsorships opportunities are still available.

**HONORING THOSE WHO HAVE HONORED US.** Be there when we honor past administrators, alumni, and friends. We will also pay “Special Tribute” to community servants who, along with many loyal friends and alumni, have gone above and beyond to help sustain this great institution through the decades.

**YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS EVENT, 50 YEARS IN THE MAKING.**

**SECURE YOUR TABLE OR TICKETS NOW!**

**[www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com) (enter SUSLA 50th)**





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