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SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY AT SHREVEPORT AWARDED \$1 MILLION TO DEVELOP A COMMUNITY KITCHEN/KITCHEN INCUBATOR

SUSLA was awarded a million dollar grant to develop a kitchen incubator in the Allendale community in Shreveport. The Milam Street Kitchen Incubator/Community Kitchen grew out of a partnership between the City of Shreveport, the Department of Community Development and the Regional Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to revitalize the Allendale and Ledbetter Heights neighborhoods. Outreach and engagement efforts revealed that many food entrepreneurs in the Choice Neighborhood work from their homes preparing meals for catering activities, or creating food products for sale in local markets, but with very limited capacity. The majority are not working from health approved facilities and lack commercial equipment for food preparation.

Additionally, many small businesses lack the entrepreneurial and financial management training they need to be successful. Shreveport has a strong cultural heritage tied to Louisiana's Cajun, Creole and Southern cuisine, and this is manifested in the many micro-enterprises centered on culinary products and food preparation. Public engagement and market research revealed that the region has a need for a kitchen incubator to support existing food-related businesses in the Choice Neighborhoods and create living wage jobs in an industry slated to grow in the coming years.

In addition to the kitchen incubator services, the community kitchen will provide education, training and community engagement opportunities for neighborhood residents and target public and assisted housing residents. This will include the

Culinary Medicine Center, a Community Café, job training, and general wellness services. The training component of this project is modeled in part after Liberty's Kitchen in New Orleans, Louisiana.

As the project design took shape, a Choice Neighborhoods Education partner, Southern University at Shreveport emerged as the project lead. SUSLA has successful experience with two small business incubators, workforce development programs, and culinary arts training. Additionally, the Choice Neighborhoods Health and Wellness partner, the Martin Luther King Health Center and Pharmacy, brought its relationship with the Tulane University Culinary Medicine Center to the conversation.

The proposed facility will be a newly constructed, 5,000-square foot building located on a 2.2 acre site. The building will include a commercial kitchen, a conference room, office space/incubator workstations, an event space, a restaurant/café, food storage, and administrative offices. The site will also offer the opportunity for outdoor dining, and the potential to expand into a "food truck" or "market hall" concept using the remaining land.

SUSLA is pleased to be a part of a community endeavor that will engage numerous partners throughout the city. Without the leadership of the City of Shreveport; the Shreveport Housing Authority; the Martin Luther King Health Center & Pharmacy; SU/LSU Ag Centers; the Community Foundation of Northwest Louisiana and Step Forward, the project would not be possible.

PROPOSED FACILITY



Spice 'n' It Up!

Cooking On The Red



The Southern University at Shreveport Foundation would like to thank everyone who supported the 18th Annual Gentlemen's Cooking Classic (GCC), "Spice 'n' It Up" ...*Cooking on the Red*", on Saturday, June 10th at the Shreveport Convention Center. The classic attracted approximately thirteen hundred individuals and continues to enjoy the prestige and ranking, as the one-of-a-kind social and civic food events in the Ark-La-Tex. The classic displayed the richness of local community diversity, fun and entertainment, while at the same time serving the finest culinary array of exquisite food dishes in Northwest Louisiana. The Classic is unique because men, women and children join collective forces with their fellow chefs for the sole purpose of sharing their culinary skills for the benefit of raising monies for scholarships. This Philanthropic event has become one of our major fundraisers affording us the opportunity to invest \$500,000 in scholarships for deserving students to attend SUSLA.



John Hubbard

This year's event was chaired by Mr. John Hubbard, SWEPCO Manager of External Affairs/NWLA and co-chaired by Ms. E. Jean Ware, Treasurer/SUSF Board of Directors and President of Southern University Alumni.



E. Jean Ware



Mayor Ollie Tyler



Winzer Andrews



Anne Gremillion



Reece Middleton

We were honored to introduce the SUSF Gentlemen's Cooking Classic "Hall of Fame" as a new feature to the Classic. The first official inductees for 2017 were: Winzer Andrews, Anne Gremillion, Reece Middleton and E. Jean Ware.



(L) Linzola Winzer, GCC volunteer serving up the Quiche at Dr. Ellis' booth

GEORGE A. KHOURY EDUCATIONAL AWARD PRESENTATION

A special presentation of the George A. Khoury Educational Award was presented to Dr. Ray L. Belton to benefit the Ray L. Belton Endowment Professorship, in the amount of Fifty Thousand (\$50,000.00) Dollars. Mr. George A. Khoury is a retired petroleum Engineer, known for his philanthropic financial gifts to education. The presentation was made by Mr. Frank Williams, Jr., Executive Director of the Southern University at Shreveport Foundation.



(L to R): Frank Williams, Jr. - SUSF Executive Director Dr. Ray L. Belton, President/Chancellor, SU System

2017 PARTICIPATING CHEFS

Mayor Ollie Tyler
 Dr. Rodney A. Ellis, Chancellor
 Chef Allums & Students - Shreveport Job Corps
 Mr. Geno Hughes
 Ms. Toya Milton
 Mr. William Pierre
 Chef Engel & Students - Shreveport Job Corps
 Justice Jackie Scott
 Ms. Maria Murphy
 Mr. Charles Kingery
 Chef Dowell
 Mr. Keith Hightower
 Mr. John Hubbard

Mr. Ted Fields
 Mr. Shearez Henderson
 Mr. Larry Norwood
 Pastor Robert Payne, Jr.
 Sheriff Steve Prator
 Chef Jo & Students - Shreveport Job Corps
 Mr. W.W.Walker
 Mr. Kelly Wells
 Fire Chief Scott Wolverton
 Lynn Cawthorne
 Ms. Susan Flowers
 Mr. Dennis Holmes
 Mr. Troquel Riley
 Chef Curtis & Students - Shreveport Job Corps
 Mr. Steven Jackson



Dennis Holmes



Whisperlynn and Fred Moss

Shreveport Job Corps

2017 LIL' CHEFS

Alayna Blanks	Darrick Kinchen, Jr.
Ashlee Blanks	Whisperlynn Mattye Moss
Hailey Clark	Titus Tisdom
Charlee Guidroz	Trent Tisdom
Koby Guidroz	Christian Vinet
Titus Jones	Julian Vinet
Shamarra Jones	William Vinet

SUSF Board Members, Dottie H. Bell and Jean Mosley served as chair and co-chair for the 2017 Lil' Chefs.



The Southern University at Shreveport Foundation is a 501(C) (3) Non-profit Corporation founded in 1999, with the sole mission of raising monies to support the Southern University at Shreveport Campus through the hosting of various fundraisers to provide scholarships for those students of who may not be able to acquire the funds required to pay tuition and purchase books.

Spice 'n' It Up!

Cooking On The Red

AND THE WINNER IS...

CHEFS

Entree

- 1ST PLACE Shreveport Bossier Sports Commission – Kelly Wells (Shrimp & Grits and Crawfish Etoufee)
2ND PLACE Shreveport Fire Dept. – Chief Wolverton (Pulled Pork Sandwiches w/Cole Slaw)
3RD PLACE St. Mary AME Church– Pastor Payne (Mexican Sausage Dip & Burritos)

Appetizers

- 1ST PLACE Man in the Apron -William Pierre (Steak Bites w/Seasoned Peppers)
2ND PLACE Shreveport Convention Center – Chef Douwe (Scallops)
3RD PLACE Chef Mary Trammel (Chicken Nachos)

Side Dish

- 1ST PLACE Justice Jackie Scott (Greens & Spicy Turkey Necks)
2ND PLACE Shreveport Job Corp – Chef Engel & Student (Mediterranean Mac & Cheese)

Dessert

- 1ST PLACE Shreveport Job Corp – Chef Curtis & Student (Mama's Boy Peach Cobbler)
2ND PLACE Susan Flowers (Pralines)
3RD PLACE Candy Galore and More (Red Velvet Cake, Wedding Cake, English Toffee)

Booth Decoration

- 1ST PLACE Sherriff Prator – (Fishing Camp)
2ND PLACE Maria Murphy – (Spice It Up)
3RD PLACE Southern University at Shreveport, Dr. Rodney A. Ellis – (SUSLA)

LIL' CHEFS

Entree

- 1ST PLACE Titus & Trent Tisdorn (Texas Tacos)
2ND PLACE Samarra & Titus Jones (Red Beans & Rice)
3RD PLACE Darrick Kinchen (Shrimp & Grits)

Appetizers

- 1ST PLACE Vinet Brothers (Salsa & Chips)
2ND PLACE Koby & Charlee Guidroz, Hailey Clark (Shrimp Dip)
3RD PLACE Ryan Burrell, Jr. & Bryan Burrell (Hot Boys Pepper Sauce)

Booth Decoration

- 1ST PLACE Vinet Brothers
2ND PLACE Darrick Kinchen
3RD PLACE Samarra & Titus Jones
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On behalf of the Southern University Shreveport Foundation Board of Directors and staff, we would like to express heartfelt appreciation and thanks to the sponsors, volunteers, donors, supporters, chefs and Lil' chefs for your support of this event and we look forward to the 19th Annual Gentlemen's Cooking Classic in 2018.

SUSLA INITIATES CORPORATE TRAINING ADVISORY COUNCIL



L-R (back): Dr. Raymond Hicks, Charley Kingery, Jim Shockley, and Shelford Wilson. L-R (front): Connie Reynolds, Jean Mosley, Wendy Benscoter, Dr. Rodney Ellis, Vickie Marshall, Kenneth Epperson, Beverly Parker, Herman Vital, and Janice Sneed.

The newly established Department of Corporate Training (which is a unit of the division of Community & Workforce Development) at the Shreveport campus of Southern University recently formed its first advisory council. The purpose of the Corporate Training Department is to provide training and lifelong learning opportunities for business and industry, incumbent workers, and individuals interested in enhancing their quality of life through certifications, professional, cultural, and other learning enrichment opportunities, which allow for increased skills in the workplace and personal growth. The

advisory council will assist the Corporate Training staff in identifying in-demand training needs of individuals in the workforce, recommend techniques for measuring participant satisfaction, and provide procedures for developing marketing plans to increase enrollment in program course activities.

The Advisory Council was formed by Beverly Parker, the Executive Director of Corporate Training. She conducted a search to identify individuals representing areas in education, business and industry, social services, governmental organizations, healthcare/medical, and culture and arts.

CONGRESSMAN'S CHIEF OF STAFF VISITS YOUTHBUILD PROGRAM

Hayden Haynes, Chief of Staff for Congressman Mike Johnson's office (4th District, LA), stopped by SUSLA on May 31st to visit and learn more about the YouthBuild program. He met with Chancellor Rodney A. Ellis to review a video presentation by YouthBuild Program Manager, Shanice Robinson, highlighting the positive impact of the program.

Haynes also spoke to the Youthbuild students about how Federal laws are introduced and passed. He indicated that the office would support future grant applications from the program and that they would continue to market the program through their social media outlets.



(Pictured: Communications Director for Congressman Mike Johnson – Ainsley Holyfield, Chief of Staff-Hayden Haynes, YouthBuild Program Manager – Shanice Robinson, and Chancellor Rodney Ellis)

Goals
Our level of success is a reflection of how high we set our sights.

community Service

SUSLA SERVES DURING THE ANNUAL “PAINT YOUR HEART OUT SHREVEPORT”

SUSLA partnered with the City of Shreveport to participate in the 25th Annual “Paint Your Heart out Shreveport” on Saturday, May 13, 2017. The team helped to transform a home in the Cedar Grove community. Kudos to those who participated in this year’s event! They include:



Before

After

Dennis Holmes, Chair, Shanace Robinson, Co-Chair
 Jada Wiggins, YBS student (Alumni)
 Brenda Henderson
 Don Howard
 Charlellia James
 Jerry Jones, YouthBuild student/Alumni

Shelia Holmes
 Larry Ferdinand
 Tequilla S. Williams



Service is the rent we pay for being. It is the very purpose of life, and not something you do in your spare time.

-Marian Wright Eddman

Jaguar Community Health Initiative partners with the Louisiana Office of Public Health and Walgreens Pharmacy to bring HIV Testing to African-American Young Adults

The Jaguar Community Health Initiative set a new program record by providing 45 HIV tests to young adults in Shreveport as part of its monthly testing event. According to Dr. Michael Hicks, *“If you can get three or four young adults to take a quick, no blood, confidential HIV test, then a testing event can be considered a success.”*

Their purpose is to prevent and reduce the transmission of HIV/AIDS and the onset of substance abuse for African-American male and female young adults (ages 18 - 24) enrolled at Southern University at Shreveport and for residents in surrounding neighborhoods. This project is funded through the Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), US Department of Health and Human Services.



Pictured from left to right: Tina B – 103.7 Da Beat Radio Personality; Gregory Sweet - Walgreens Pharmacist; Iberia Watley – Program Monitor, Office of Public Health; A.J. Johnson – CEO, Baton Rouge AIDS Society and Dr. Michael Hicks, SUSLA

Character

The path of integrity always takes us in the right direction.

CAREER TRANSFER & HEALTH FAIR



SUSLA SPRING 2017 CAREER, TRANSFER, HEALTH FAIR

SUSLA hosted the 2017 Career, College Transfer and Health Fair event on Monday, April 24, 2017. The event was a collaboration between the offices of Career Services (chaired by Dr. Tuesday Mahoney), Communities of Color Network (chaired by Urina Holt), and TRiO Student Support Services (chaired by Delores Surles). This year represented the largest number of associates held on SUSLA's campus.

Students also participated in individual interviews with the university's career partners including Boomtown; the Louisiana Workforce, the United States Marines Corp, Academic Partners, and the Goodwill Job Center. Delores Surles, Transfer Coordinator of Student Support Services, coordinated the four-year College Transfer opportunities to prepare TRiO SSS students for transfer resources offered by schools including Wiley College, Northwestern State University, LSUS, LSUA, East Texas Baptist, and the American Health of Louisiana.

The event also included SUSLA health and wellness partners with resources such as free health services and a blood drive offered through Life Shares.

SUSLA'S DUAL ENROLLMENT PROGRAM IS THRIVING

The Dual Enrollment Program was very successful this year! Under the leadership of Dual Enrollment Coordinator Sandra Bigham, over 900 students were enrolled and credit earned certificates were given at Senior Awards Day. Altogether, students earned over 3000 hours of college credits. Two pilot programs with Caddo and Desoto Parishes are scheduled to start in the fall of 2017. The program will also welcome students who will be taking courses on our campus from Booker T. Washington and Woodlawn High Schools.



STEPHANIE BELL MLT/PHLEBOTOMY CLINICAL COORDINATOR

Stephanie Bell has joined the SUSLA campus as the MLT/Phlebotomy Clinical Coordinator. Bell obtained her B.S. in Medical Technology at LSUHSC-Shreveport School of Allied Health Professions in 2004. She has served as a Medical Technologist for over twelve years, working as a Generalist. Bell is currently pursuing her Masters in Healthcare Administration at LSU Shreveport with an anticipated graduation date of December 2017. Bell says, *"I am excited to be a part of the Jaguar family!"*

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

I AM SOUTHERN...



Meet Donna Powell

Shreveport native, Donna Powell, decided to further her education at the age of 47. She is now a sophomore at SUSLA majoring in Radiology with a 3.9 GPA.

“A friend encouraged me to go to college. After a little research, I decided to enroll at SUSLA. It was really tough for me at first. I was scared of the unknown and didn’t believe that I could achieve much. But the professors here have truly helped me on this journey. I have been especially encouraged by my Psychology teacher, Mrs. Belinda Dixon and my math teacher, Mrs. Harolyn Wilson.”

Mrs. Dixon taught Donna last year and says, “She did her best in all of her classes and was eager to help others when she saw a need. I do wish that there were more students like her. If anyone deserves to be the student of the month it is HER.”

Donna plans to graduate from SUSLA and continue her education to become a Mammogram Technician.

Jaguar of the Month

Chancellor Rodney Ellis congratulates

Annie Moss
as “Jaguar of the Month!”



Mrs. Moss joined SUSLA in 2013 as Director of Admissions. She has over 25 years in higher education. On a recent customer survey, one student stated, “She solves problems with speed and efficiency.” Another student stated, “My experience with admissions was great! I received answers to my concerns in a short amount of time.”

Great customer service, Annie Moss!

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