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**SU Music Students ~
Winners of National
Association of Teachers
of Singers Competition**

Students from Southern University and various other colleges participated in the State of Louisiana NATS Conference that was held virtually this year. The competition was held on Saturday, March 13, 2021 and allowed students to compete and view their fellow competitors. Three students, Richard Johnson, De'Terrius Johnson, and Sharon Weatherspoon placed and won in their categories. Professors Charles Lloyd and Richard Hobson presided over an inspiring masterclass as a recent graduate, Arthur Gremillion, opened with a phenomenal rendition by Roland Hayes. Professor Corey Knoll is commended for his expert technical assistance in setting up computers and large screens to allow the students to compete.

**Nursing and Allied
Health Highlights**

- School of Nursing hosted a successful Accreditation visit from the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education
- Achieved 100% pass rate on the Family Nurse Practitioner Certification Exam for 2020
- College of Nursing and Allied Health chartered the SUSON Alumni Association consisting of 70 charter members and 15 honorary members
- The School of Nursing is the only HBCU to hold membership in the National Hartford Center for Gerontological Nursing Excellence
- Undergraduate nursing program transitioned to an online admission process
- School of Nursing received funding to purchase a Mobile Health Unit to provide outreach services
- The School of Nursing's Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program has remained open throughout the pandemic without interruption of services to participants



**Department of Computer Science holds its
43rd Annual Dr. Leroy C. Roquemore
Computer Science Symposium**

March 18, 19, and 22, 2021 - The Department of Computer Science held its annual computer science symposium entitled "Data Science: Harness Information to Solve the World's Problems". Keynote speakers and facilitators from Facebook, NetApp, IBM, Shell Chemicals, GE Aviation, Georgia Pacific, AWS for Startups, Microsoft, and Turkish Airlines participated in the symposium. Ahmet Tan, Project Engineer for SafeKick Oil Drilling Company and Deidre Marshall, Director of Service Line Support and Repairs for Ericsson spoke to the group from an alumni perspective. The virtual symposium was a success thanks to the support from our Administration, Deans, faculty and students.

**Science/Mathematics Education Doctoral
Program Presents**

Inaugural Spring Symposium: A Seminar Series for All SU Graduate Students. This symposium was held virtually on Thursday, March 18, 2021 and featured as Keynote Speaker, Dr. Ni'Shawn Stovall – Motivational Speaker, Entrepreneur and Educator. Panel discussion on Strategies for Successfully Navigating Graduate School was provided by Dr. John Jenkins, Vice Principal at Woodlawn High School; Dr. Phyllis Okwan, Assistant Professor of Mathematics SUBR; Dr. Gregory Thompson, Dean of Students at Scotlandville Magnet High School; and Dr. Sundee Winder, Deputy Director of Public Health Preparedness.

Army ROTC Training Exercise

LTC David Marshall along with his staff and 14 cadets traveled to Camp Shelby, MS for a field training exercise, which was a culminating event for the spring 2021 semester.

Southern University's Senior Army ROTC Department has the proud pleasure of hosting General Michael Xavier Garrett, Commanding General of the United States Army Forces Command as the speaker for the Spring 2021 Commissioning Ceremony to be held May 10, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. The presence and support of the Administration is being requested.

**Department of Languages and Literature
Presents a Women's History Panel on
Natasha Trethewey**

Members of English 311: American Literature II class read and provided commentary on selected poems by Natasha Trethewey from her 2007 Pulitzer Prize-winning *Native Guard*. Student presenters included Christy Kelly, Ladonia Semienm Olivia Samuels, and Noland Johnson. Natasha Trethewey is a U S Poet Laureate 2012-2014. The professor of record for the class is Dr. Mary Carruth.

ON CAMPUS...

The Program of International Education is working in collaboration with the Program in World Languages to offer an interactive 'Virtual Study Abroad' course in Turkish. Though students would complete all work online, they would have access to online professors from Turkish Universities who will provide 'tour guides' that would host virtual visits to museums, historical sites, and other places of cultural significance.

Dr. Alisa Ross, Assistant Professor of Education, is a contributing author in a new book published by Routledge, *The New Teacher's Guide to Ten Common Challenges*.

Dr. Emily Jackson has been appointed to the Smithsonian Science Education Center's STEM Diversity Summit Advisory Committee. The Center is located in Washington, D.C.

ON CAMPUS...

A virtual Collegiate Praxis Summit will be held in April and May for teacher education candidates. The School of Education has joined other educational agencies to host this conference for teacher candidates to provide knowledge and skills to enhance passage rates on Praxis I exams.

Assistant Professor of Education, Erin Scott-Stewart, is a member of the 2020-2021 cohort of the National Science Foundation Quantitative Research Methods for STEM Education Scholars program recipient.

Department of Visual and Performing Arts

- Xavier Brown, a music major from San Antonio, Texas, received the Baton Rouge Music Club Auxiliary's Annual Scholarship Award for 2020-2021
- Music professor Charles Lloyd, Jr. is the 2021 recipient of the James Ronald Brothers Award for Collaborative Piano – by the Southern Region of the National Association of Teachers of Singing
- Music professor Richard Hobson submitted a recording of Mrs. Jacqueline Paige-Green to the National Association of Teachers of Singing (NATS)