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SUBR Parent Panel Discussion

An **SUBR Parent Panel Discussion** provided an opportunity for parents to have a candid conversation with campus administrators from Financial Aid, University College, Admissions, Traffic and Parking, Police Department, Counseling and Health Center, Book Store, Office of the Registrar, Student Affairs, and many others to discuss campus safety, completing financial obligations, and other first-year concerns.

During an **Academic Community Session**, students had an opportunity to participate in campus tours, meet with Deans of all Academic Colleges and have a 30-minute discussion with University College Ambassadors regarding the “do’s and don’t’s” of college life. Most importantly, they reviewed the course schedule, learned how to read their degree plans, and met with their University College Academic Advisors who will ensure positive student experiences and outcomes for the first 30 credit



On Campus...

Office of Academic Affairs

Dr. Bijoy K. Sahoo, SUBR Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost, hosted a Deans' and Chairs' Restreat on July 21 and July 22 respectively. During the sessions both Deans and Department Chairs listened to presentations delivered by Dr. Sahoo, Dr. Joycelyn Harrison - Assistant Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs (Faculty Development) and Dr. Zaceus Johnson - Assistant Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs (Student Success). In addition to the presentations discussions on timely matters pertaining to support of the vision of President-Chancellor Dennis J. Shields and the University's strategic plans for positive student outcomes were discussed.



On Campus...

College of Business

The Southern University College of Business (SUBR COB), accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) International, received a \$190,000 grant award on September 30, 2021 from the U.S. Department of Education Business and International Education (BIE) Title VI B. The project's main purpose is to enhance international business education and create global awareness of small and minority businesses through academic exchange partnership between the SUBR COB and Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST), Kumasi, Ghana. The academic exchange partnership is based on the Memorandum of Understanding existing between SUBR and KNUST.

The primary goal of the two-year project is to improve the international business education capabilities of SUBR COB and KNUST in preparing tomorrow's workforce that can compete and lead in the rapidly changing global business environment. The project also aims to enhance the export readiness understanding and information technology and entrepreneurial skills of small businesses in Louisiana and Ghana.

Based on Year One project implementation plan agreed between the two institutions, the SUBR COB team consisting of 23 members – nine faculty, five students and nine community partners visited KNUST from June 22 to July 3, 2022.

The project will be headed by **Dr. Donald R. Andrews, Dean of the College of Business, and Dr. Ashagre Yigletu, Dean of the School of Graduate Studies** in cooperation with the Louisiana Department of Economic Development, World Trade Center of New Orleans, the Baton Rouge Chamber of Commerce, Capital Small Business Development Center and the Office of the East Baton Rouge Parish Mayor-President. Dean Andrews stated, " This fourth BIE project will play a key role in our effort of developing international competency of our programs, faculty, and students. The previous three BIE grants we received in the past 20 years have helped us in internationalizing our business programs, creating international awareness and understanding of the College's faculty and students."

The project outcome will significantly impact the College's programs, faculty, students, and other stakeholders. The two-year project will enhance the COB and KNUST faculty and students' professional development in international business, develop new programs, improve the international business knowledge of the partnering institutions' faculty, and strengthen the global awareness and export readiness of small and minority businesses.

On Campus...



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University Libraries

Cade Library Dean Dr. Dawn Kight was featured in the March/April 2022 issue of *American Libraries* magazine, the official magazine of the American Library Association. She discussed Louisiana's efforts toward digital inclusion/equity as a member of the Louisiana Board of Regents Digital Inclusion Task.

DIGITAL EQUITY

Getting There Together

Digital equity coalitions offer partners new ideas and extra resources for solving problems

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Coalition, alliance, task force, committee, collaborative. The digital equity coalition is a model that goes by many names, but ultimately these groups share one familiar goal: closing the digital divide. In the years since *American Libraries* first reported on this trend (bit.ly/AL-DEcoalitions), these organizations have grown in frequency and scale across the country, with public-private partnerships often setting the agenda for digital inclusion in their cities, regions, and school and university networks.

"During the pandemic, the number of place-based digital inclusion coalitions has more than tripled," says Angela Siefer, director of the nonprofit National Digital Inclusion Alliance (NDIA), a community of digital inclusion practitioners and policymakers. "The sudden awareness of digital inequities and the need for coordinated solutions caused folks to come together, [and] libraries are often the trusted community entities that are leading coalitions, connecting partners, and gathering resources to increase digital equity."

We talked with three library professionals about how digital equity coalitions have helped them improve capacity and resource-sharing and supported their communities during the pandemic:

CHRISTINE HERTZEL, interim director of library services at Long Beach (Calif.) Public Library and Long Beach Digital Inclusion Stakeholder Committee member

KATIE KEHOE, grants and communications librarian at F. D. Bluford Library at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University in Greensboro and member of Digital Durham's grants committee

DAWN KIGHT, dean of libraries at Southern University and A&M College in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and member of the Louisiana Board of Regents Digital Inclusion Task Force



On Campus...

Cade Library in the News...

Literacy efforts in the city of Baton Rouge abound. A recent article in *The Advocate* featured notable Baton Rouge readers, a few include LSU System President William Tate, Restaurateur Peter Scalfani, political commentator and local talk radio host Jim Engster, and Dawn Kight Dean of Libraries at Southern University. Read the June 24 article *Looking for summer reading ideas? 11 Baton Rouge readers share their top picks* by George Morris.

Excerpt from *The Advocate*

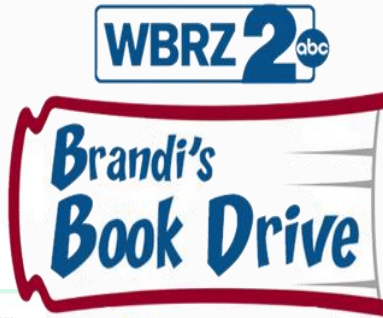
Dawn V. Kight

coach Dale Brown
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Dawn Kight, dean of Library Services for Southern University
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It should come as no surprise that the dean of Southern University's Library Services has more than one book on her list. They include "The Personal Librarian," by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray; "a great summer read that conveys life's difficulties for some families of color who believe self-authenticity is not a choice on the path to success"; "The Masterpiece," by Francine Rivers; "The book shares a storyline of romance, inspiration, and suspense"; "Leading and Bleeding," by Gerald Jermarr Williams, an autobiography of the eventual mayor of White Castle; and "The Sum of Us," by Heather McGhee: "It shares the author's research on policymaking in the United States and its impact on the racial divide."



Librarian Maya Banks and Christopher Grimes, assistant to the dean of libraries, delivered donated books to the WBRZ news station and pose with news anchor Brandi Harris. Also helping with the delivery is Taylor Grimes posing in the rear.

