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Business & Entrepreneurship Advancement Program

Innovate and accelerate your business! EDA University Center for Economic and Entrepreneurial Development, COB, Southern University, Baton Rouge is hosting an eight session, hybrid Business & Entrepreneurship Advancement Program that began June 8, 2021. This program is geared towards individuals who desire to start a business, have already started a business or wants to grow their business. The sessions will be led by experienced and credentialed practitioners and university faculty. Scholarships are available for participants with financial need. More information can be found at www.subruniversitycenter.org

SUBR Library Tells More Stories of Former Slaves

The John B. Cade Library Achieves and Manuscripts department, headed by University Archivist, Angela Proctor, completed the digitization of the WPA Slave Narrative collection. **The Louisiana Works Progress Administration (LWPA): Slaves Narrative Collection** consists of 50 oral histories of first-person accounts of originals and some productions of ex-slaves interviews ranging from 2-19 pages in length. Most of the respondents were elderly and the average age was 85, with two to four of the respondents claiming to be 100 or more years of age. Making this prominent collection electronically available to the work of a team. With Ms. Proctor leading the effort, Mr. Arceneaux, Mr. Hughes, and Ms. Payne worked together to provide global access to the collection. The story was picked up by the AP wire and has appeared in several major publications and news outlets including *U.S. News and World Report* and the *LA Sentinel*. The full story can be read at: <https://www.usnews.com/news/best-states/louisiana/articles/2021-06-12/southern-university-library-tells-stories-of-former-slaves>



College of Humanities & Interdisciplinary Studies

- The National Council on Teacher Quality (NCTQ) released new teacher preparation program scores in the areas of clinical practice and classroom management. Southern University and A&M College's undergraduate elementary teacher preparation program was recognized as being among the 33 out of 1184 traditional programs to receive an "A" in Clinical Practice
- Praxis virtual workshops were held in conjunction with the Louisiana Education Association and the College of Education at Grambling State University
- Dr. Mary Carruth, professor of English, published two essays
- Poet Laureate of Louisiana/Professor of English, Professor John W. Smith, released his fifth collection of poetry
- Dr. Alisa Ross is a contributing author in a new book published by Routledge, *The New Teacher's Guide to Ten Common Challenges*. She is also the Co-Principal Investigator for the Cultural Responsiveness in Higher Education: Preparing Faculty to Design Online Courses that Foster Equity and Inclusion grant

On Campus....



Artificial Intelligence Startup LLENA (AI) Health Solutions Inc. Partners with Southern University

LLENA (AI) Health Solutions Inc. announced a partnership with Southern University in Baton Rouge, LA to support their "Center of Excellence for Nutrition, Health, Wellness, and Quality of Life" initiative to address diet-related health disparities in African Americans by increasing the capacities of 1890 institutions through nutrition research, teaching and extension. Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center is one of the 1890 Centers of Excellence grant recipients to receive funding from the U S Department of Agriculture's National Institute of Food and Agriculture (USDA/NIFA).

Southern University and A&M College among 14 HBCUs to 'travel' on Boeing spacecraft in NASA mission

The deep legacy of Southern University and 13 fellow Historically Black Colleges and Universities will be onboard Boeing's CST-100 Starliner as it embarks on its second mission to orbit for NASA's Commercial Crew Program. Flags, small pennants and other items representing HBCUs from throughout the U S will be part of the hundreds of pounds of cargo inside the uncrewed spacecraft for Orbital Flight Test-2 (OFT-2). In addition to Southern, represented universities are Allen University in South Carolina, Clark Atlanta University, Morehouse College and Spelman College, Alabama A&M University, Florida A&M University, Howard University, Morgan State University, North Carolina A&T, Prairie View A&M University, South Carolina State University, Tennessee State University, and Tuskegee University in Alabama. The Starline launch is set to occur in late July.

