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Southern University Army Senior ROTC Commissioning Ceremony

Southern University Army Senior ROTC Department, under the leadership of LTC David Marshall, had the 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. The ceremony was held on May 10, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. At the ceremony, the Department commissioned seven Cadets as Second Lieutenants into the United States Army.

Speech~Language Pathology & Audiology Received Training Grant

Speech~Language Pathology & Audiology under the guidance of Dr. Sandra Brown, Dean, Nursing and Allied Health, was awarded a training grant from the Parkinson Voice Project, Speak Out! & Loud Crowd. The grant allows for the training of students and faculty/clinical supervisors. This unique program aims to make quality speech treatment accessible to people with Parkinson's disease across the globe. Recipients of the grant will receive SPEAK OUT! & LOUD Crowd and Teletherapy training for their pathologists and graduate students. With over 250 applicants, Southern University's Department of Speech~Language Pathology and Audiology gained national and international recognition for this prestigious award.



College of Business Highlights

- EDA University Center for Entrepreneurial and Economic Development & ComNet, LLC presented ***Creating Sustainable Neighborhood Developers Program*** every Saturday, March 27-May 15, 2021 via Zoom. The program delivered a practical introduction to neighborhood development. Nine subject matters walked participants through how to begin their journey to property development in their neighborhoods.
- The Department of Graduate Programs hosted a Global Leadership Speaker Series entitled ***Globalization and Interconnectivity: A Whole You World***. Sixty-one undergraduates and graduates from the College of Business participated.
- ***Sixteen students from the MBAP 513 course*** earned the IBM Skills Academy Certification in IBM Data Science. The certification included: (1) passage of final exam – Badge received; (2) completion of six labs; and (3) successfully finishing all use case challenges.

On Campus....

A College-wide curriculum review is underway.

- **Dean Patrick Carriere**, College of Sciences and Engineering, conducted his curriculum reform retreat in April to address changes in the 15 programs curricula at the bachelor, master, and Ph.D. levels. The need to review and update curriculum is necessary in keeping pace with the rapid evolution of technology, shifting social expectations, and changing expectations of the regulators and participants in higher education.
- **Ms. Maya Riley Banks**, head of access services and reference librarian, was appointed to the communications committee of the Association of College and Research Libraries/University Libraries Section. This committee facilitates awareness of the university libraries section and its professional development activities and programs through a variety of means.

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- **Three Southern University students**, Rason Irvin – a junior Computer Science major from Houston, TX; LeAsya Johnson – a junior Finance major from Denham Springs, LA; and Ross Tedesco – a senior Management major for New Orleans, LA, were selected as **Top Five Finalist** in the ***National Basketball Association “Innovate the Future” program***. There were over 100 submissions for the top five spots. The selected students were tasked with solving one of three case studies presented by the NBA. Members of the winning team received merit-based scholarships and other prizes. The Thurgood Marshall College Fund Innovation and Entrepreneurship Division in partnership with the National Basketball Association are the sponsors. The competition was held virtually on May 6-7, 2021.
- **Ms. Caron Smith, Chief of Staff for East Baton Rouge Parish School System**, met with administrators from Southern University and other local higher learning institutions regarding the development of courses of study and academic support leading to high school students in Baton Rouge earning an associate degree in five pathways including technology, construction and manufacturing, medical and pre-med, transportation and logistics, and liberal arts and management. The event was held at the Southern University Law Center on April 29, 2021.
- **Ms. Maggi Spurlock, Director of Talent Development at Baton Rouge Area Chamber** joined the Deans at their weekly meeting on April 22, 2021 to discuss a partnership with Handshake. Also present were Mrs. Tamara Montgomery – Director – Office of Career Services and Dr. Michael Stubblefield – Vice Chancellor for Research and Sponsored Programs.

On Campus Continued....



Dean Karen Crosby, the faculty and staff of the Delores Margaret Richard Spikes Honors College premiered a virtual pinning ceremony to recognize the two latest classes of new Freshmen and transfer students inducted into the Honors College. 70 scholars from the 2019-2020 academic year were recognized. Almost 90 scholars from the Fall 2020 freshman class and transfer students were presented in a video production. A keynote address was done by Dr. Maurice Sholas, pediatric care doctor and Honors Program alum; musical selection by Mrs. Tamara Montgomery, director of Career Services; and there were student talent performances.