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THE HIGHER EDUCATION LEADERSHIP FOUNDATION (H.E.L.F.) FEATURES DR. ELLIS AS SPEAKER OF THE LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE



The Annual Reunion provided an opportunity for reflection on their work to date, build and support a community of practitioners, and engage in intentional conversations about the state of leadership at HBCUs. Dr. Rodney A. Ellis, Chancellor for Southern University at Shreveport, and Mr. George A. Stiell, Chief Financial Officer, Wiley College, presented the relationship between the CEO and CFO, their roles and how they work together in budget planning and execution. The presentation also covered the utilization of resources.

#ComeBeSouthern

SUSLA CELEBRATES ALLIED HEALTH & NURSING FACULTY



On Wednesday, June 9, 2021, the Division of Allied Health and Nursing enjoyed a luncheon to celebrate the dedication of its faculty. The Surgical Technology Department led by Mrs. Didacaine Keyes, Nursing Department led by Tiffany Varner, Health Information Technology Department led by Kimberly Newlen, and Radiologic Technology Department led by Shelia Swift were all presented a certificate of achievement for successfully completing program reaccreditation.

Faculty members presented Mrs. JoAnn Brown and Cynthia Jenkins, Dean of Allied Health and Nursing and Administrative Coordinator, with flowers and a gift to show appreciation. Dr. Terry Kidd, Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs and Workforce Development, shared a congratulatory message with faculty and guests. Dr. Lonnie McCray, Dean of Humanities, Dr. Barry Hester, Dean of Science and Technology, and Fred Moss, Faculty Senate President were among the luncheon attendees.

CARTER CREDIT UNION IS EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE THE RIBBON CUTTING OF OUR NEWEST LOCATION INSIDE THE SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY BUSINESS INCUBATOR



Carter Credit Union is proud to announce a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony scheduled for Thursday, June 17 at 10:00 am at 4646 Shreveport Blanchard Hwy, Shreveport, LA 71107.

This branch location is a full-service branch that offers state of the art technology with both Personal Teller Machines and Video Lending, as well as an outside 24/7 ATM.

In 2019, Capital One Bank made the decision to close their branch located in the Southern University Business Incubator offices. Jonathan Reynolds, Chief Commercial Officer at Carter Credit Union saw the need for continued financial services in this underserved market. Through collaboration with Darrin Dixon, Director at the SUSLA Small Business Development Center and Dr. Ellis, Chancellor of Southern University, and in step with the credit union philosophy of “People Helping People”, Joe Arnold, Chief Executive Officer, supported this investment in the community. Carter Credit Union opened the Southern University branch early 2021.

Carter Credit Union has been serving customers since 1954 and currently has 9 locations which includes our newest state of the art 30,000 sq. ft. Ellerbe Road branch. Our investment in both our people and our technology have be instrumental in the growth of Carter, which assets currently sit at 520 million. Carter Credit Union is a CDFI certified credit union, and because of our commitment, this underserved area will now have access to legitimate financial services.



LINCOLN PREPARATORY SCHOOL GRADUATES EARN ASSOCIATE DEGREES FROM SUSLA

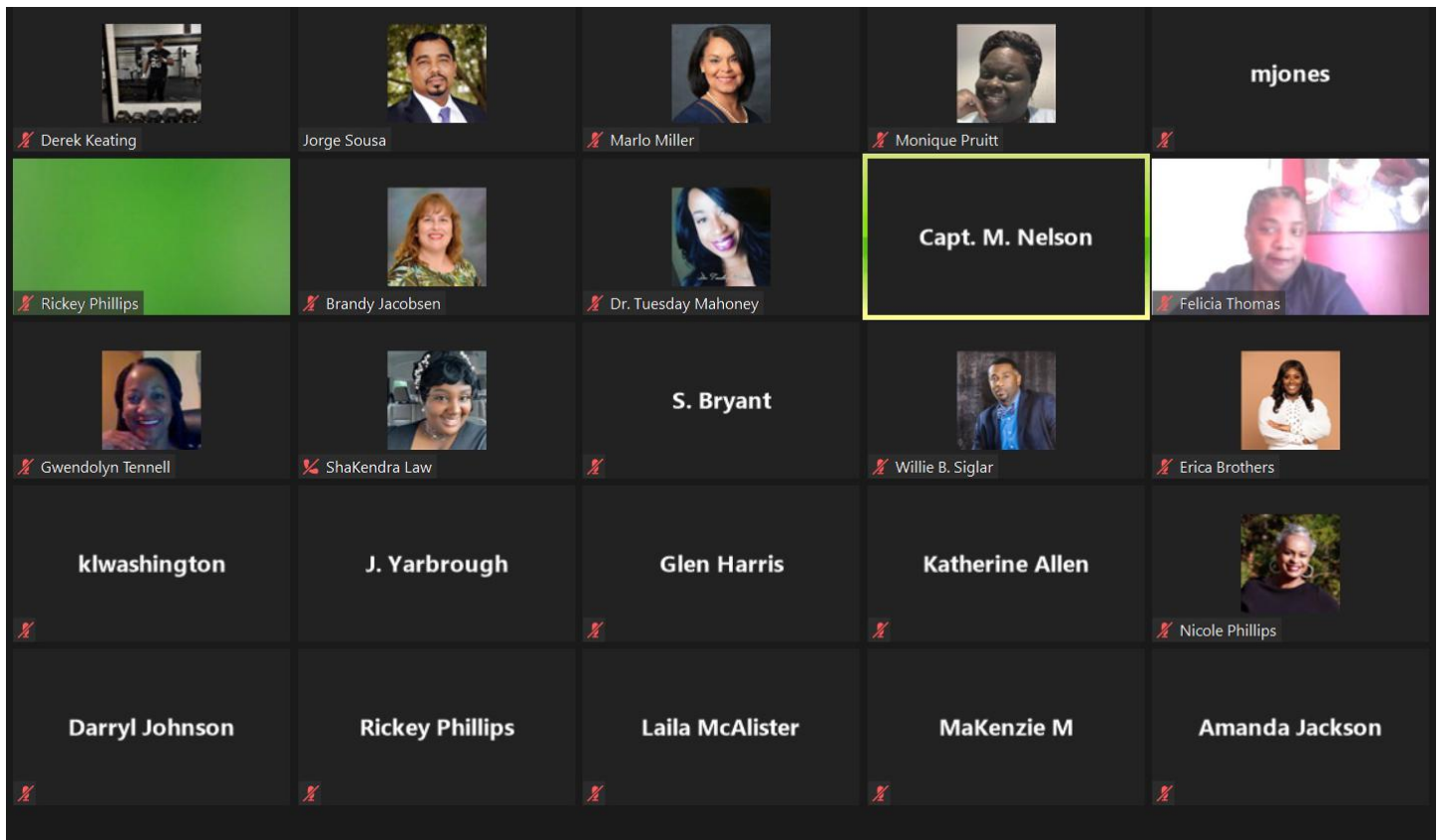


On Monday, May 17th, when Lincoln Preparatory School seniors marched across the stage to receive their high school diplomas, nine of them returned to the stage a few minutes later to receive the Associate of General Studies Degree from Southern University at Shreveport (SUSLA). These students were part of the Lincoln Preparatory School Early College Academy. The Lincoln Prep ECA was created in the Fall of 2019 by a memorandum signed by Lincoln Prep Executive Director, Gordan Ford and SUSLA Chancellor, Dr. Rodney Ellis. The MOU, signed October 28, 2019 formalized a relationship between the two schools, providing additional dual enrollment opportunities for LPS students and paving the way for this unique associate degree pathway.

“Southern University at Shreveport is excited to partner with Lincoln Prep for their Early College Academy.” Said SUSLA Chancellor Ellis. “We value the leadership and vision of Mr. Ford and are proud of the work that his faculty have done to ensure that these high school students completed the program timely. SUSLA looks forward to a continued partnership and hopes to have even more students from Lincoln Prep participate in the future.” Dr. Ellis served as the commencement speaker and also presented the associate degrees to the graduates. Lincoln Prep ECA graduates are also eligible to participate in SUSLA’s commencement exercises on May 22nd at Independence Stadium in Shreveport. The Lincoln Prep commencement exercises will be held Monday, May 17, 2021 at Temple Baptist Church in Ruston. The program will begin at 6:00 p.m. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, all persons attending the graduation must have a ticket. Members of the press can contact the school to obtain tickets.

“Lincoln Prep is all about providing opportunities for our students,” Ford says, “In 2019, Lincoln Prep had a higher percentage of our graduates earning post-secondary credentials and a higher percentage of graduates enrolling in college than any school district in our region, despite having lower average ACT scores than most of those districts.” According to Louisiana School Finder, 79% of Lincoln Prep seniors (91% of economically disadvantaged students) completed college-level coursework or attained proficiency with an industry-valued skill set recognized by the Workforce Investment Council (WIC) and 73% of Lincoln Prep seniors (66% of economically disadvantaged students) enrolled in college by the 1st fall semester after graduating from high school. Lincoln Prep’s 79% for credentials earned and 73% college enrollment rate compare favorably to state averages of 50% and 57% and Lincoln Parish School District averages of 57% and 67% respectively. Students of Color at Lincoln Prep were 44% more likely than their peers across the state and 53% more likely than peers in Lincoln parish to earn college or workforce credentials, as 85% of Lincoln Prep Students of Color earned credentials, compared to state and district average rates of 41% and 32%.

DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS KICK OFF THE FIRST 2021 VIRTUAL SUMMER ORIENTATION & ADVISEMENT REGISTRATION



VIRTUAL ORIENTATION 2021 | NOON-5 PM

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY AT SHREVEPORT

WELCOME

DEPARTMENTAL OVERVIEW & SERVICES

- Registrar's Office
- Student Accounts
- Title IX Compliance
- University Police Department
- Section 504, Serving Students with Disabilities,
- Residential Housing, Jaguar Courtyard

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

- Navigating Banner/ Course Selection and Registration
- Student Email
- Moodle Training
- Career Assessment

TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS

- Admissions
- Financial Aid
- Academic Advisement
- Billing & Finance (cashier)

SUMMER

ORIENTATION

ADVISEMENT & REGISTRATION

ON CAMPUS ORIENTATION 2021 | 10 AM-3 PM

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LUNCH BREAK (ONE HOUR)

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CAMPUS TOUR

SUMMER

ORIENTATION

ADVISEMENT & REGISTRATION

SUSLA VETERANS UPWARD BOUND/HEALTHY BLUE: FAMILY FESTIVAL HEALTH, RESOURCE FAIR & VACCINATION CLINIC



You're invited to another great event in your community

FAMILY FESTIVAL HEALTH, RESOURCE FAIR & VACCINATION CLINIC

**THURSDAY, JUNE 17, 2021 | 4-7 PM | SUSLA JAGUAR GYM PARKING LOT
3050 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DRIVE, SHREVEPORT, LA 71101**

Southern University at Shreveport (SUSLA) in partnership with Healthy Blue are hosting a Family Festival Event on Thursday, June 17th from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. The event will be held at Southern University at Shreveport (Student parking Lot) 3050 Martin Luther King Jr., Drive; Shreveport, LA 71107.

This event will have FREE Food, Snow Cones, Kidz Connection, VETERANS AFFAIR Mobile Unit, Community Resource Vendors, Door Prizes, Games, Plus More! The event is FREE and open to the public. To learn more about all that SUSLA and Healthy Blue has to offer to our community, please contact Urina F. Holt, Director of Veterans Upward Bound Program at 318.489.1957 or Rashad Bristo at 318.464.4785 or uholt@susla.edu.

SUSLA CELEBRATES EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION WITH A DRIVE-THRU BBQ



SUMAS CELEBRATES BLACK MUSIC MONTH WITH BLACK MUSIC STAMP COLLECTION EXHIBIT OPENS JUNE 7TH: 'MUSEUM FEATURES MUSIC MONDAYS HIGHLIGHTING BLACK MUSICAL GENRES'



Southern University Museum of Art Shreveport (SUMAS) will celebrate Black Music Month with an exhibit of its in-house collection of the U.S. Black Music Stamp Series, featuring the artwork of African American musical artists that have been featured on postage stamps over the years. The exhibit will also feature a weekly Music Mondays showcase by SUSLA alum and award-winning vocalist, Brenda Wimberly highlighting various African American musical genres. This event will be held each Monday in June at 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. at the Downtown Metro Center campus located at 610 Texas Street, Ste. 110, Shreveport, Louisiana.

“SUMAS is proud to pay tribute to the musical heritage of the African American experience by highlighting our in-house collection of some of the U.S. Postage Black Music series from years past—including Billie Holiday, Bessie Smith, Muddy Waters, and Howlin’ Wolf, as well as featuring SUSLA alumni artist, Brenda,” said Angelique Feaster Evans, Museum Coordinator.

The exhibit will be on display through June 30, 2021. This event is FREE and open to the public during modified business hours Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays 10 AM-5 PM.



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