

# Chancellor's Report



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SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY SHREVEPORT LOUISIANA

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# SUSLA CHANCELLOR REAPPOINTED AS CIVILIAN AIDE TO THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY (CASA) FOR NORTH LOUISIANA

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Dr. Ellis has been reappointed as Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army for Louisiana (North) through August 11, 2023. His contributions have been exceptional, and his continued service will continue to greatly benefit our Soldiers, their families, and our civilians in the community and throughout the Army.

His personal involvement in the program helps their recruiting efforts, support the Total Army while they serve, and assist our personnel as they transition from active service as Soldiers for life.

Congratulations, Dr. Ellis. We are thankful for your continued service and support of the CASA Program, United States Army, and our Nation.

# BROOKSHIRE'S DONATION BECOMES \$100K ENDOWMENT WITH BOARD OF REGENTS MATCH AT SUSLA



At SUSLA's 2021 Faculty- Staff Institute, Dr. Rodney Ellis and Chief Advancement Officer, Stephanie Rogers, were joined by Brookshire's District Manager Jay Holmes to announce the organization's initial gift has been fully matched.

Brookshire's invested \$30,000 to establish the Brookshire's - Super 1 Foods First Generation Scholarship. The gift was matched by \$30,000 non-state funds and a \$40,000 award from the Louisiana Board of Regents to become fully endowed at \$100,000.

Mr. Holmes states that, "Brookshire's is pleased to partner with SUSLA as part of their initiative to strengthen the workforce by investing over \$1Million to support schools in its service areas". Chancellor Ellis expressed his appreciation for the gift stating that, "investments from partners like Brookshire's are essential in closing the gap for citizens seeking financial equity and career opportunities. This starts with access to training and degree attainment."

Rogers noted "...the match opportunities from the Louisiana Board of Regents serves as an attractive incentive for partners seeking to maximize their investments in higher education within our state."

The Brookshire's - Super 1 Foods Endowment will provide scholarships to students majoring in Business or related career fields. For more information, contact Stephanie Rogers, Chief Advancement Officer at [srogers@susla.edu](mailto:srogers@susla.edu).

# SUSLA SUPPORTS EVACUEES FROM HURRICAN IDA



Earlier this month, the SUSLA community came together to help people in the Shreveport-Bossier were in need. The evacuees, from Hurricane Ida, had a place to stay and food thanks to our local leaders and the local shelter. Unfortunately, what they did not have were clothes. A simple thing like a change of underwear has become a foreign notion because the hurricane has separated them from a normal life.

The university found some Jaguar spirit and decided to supply evacuees with clothing items. We were kindly advised to start by looking around our offices for boxes of t-shirts from old events or masks that we may not have used. People who are sheltered also needed these items:

**Undergarments are always in need: men's briefs, women's panties, and bras**

**Socks**

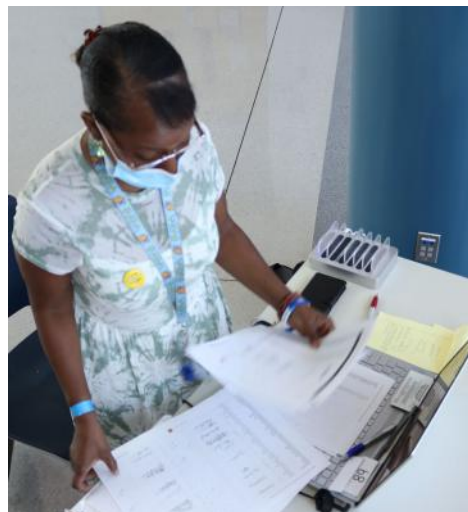
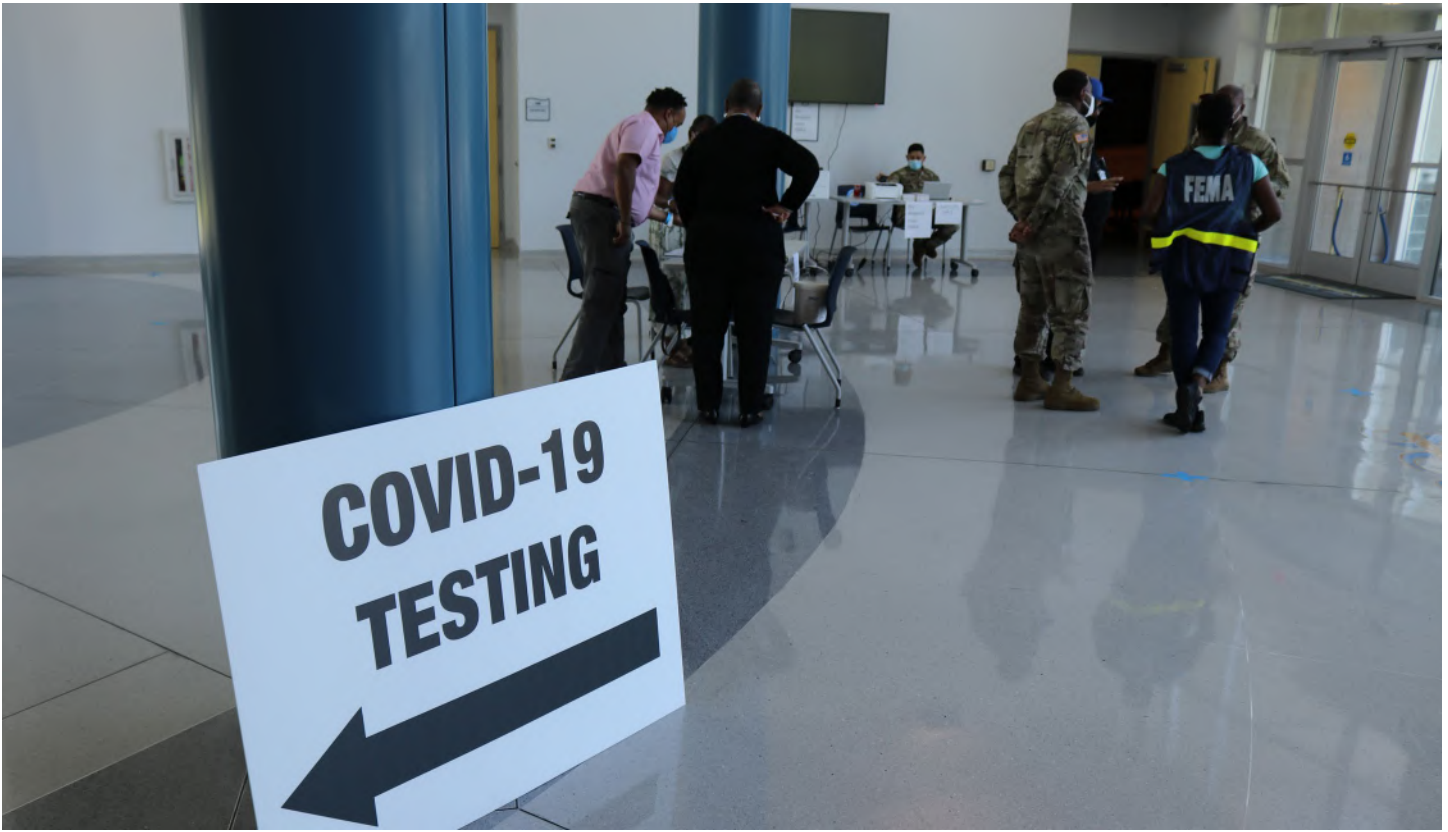
**FLIP FLOPS or some other kind of slides, or slippers**

**Plus sized clothing (shorts, lounging pants, t-shirts) for women and**

**Big & tall for men.**

For those who participated in the donation process, we kindly thank you for your support.

# SUSLA CONTINUES OFFERING COVID-19 SURGE TESTING & VACCINATIONS



# SUSLA'S EMT C-3 PREPARES THE GROUP OF FIRST RESPONDERS



We recently dropped in on the EMT C-3 class to observe a group of future First Responders. Students were practicing hands-on drills in SUSLA'S state-of-the art EMS Simulator under the watchful eye of their Instructor, Mr. Kevin Coleman.

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to test for the EMT State Certification. When they pass, the certification, they will be qualified to work as an EMT and, the state certification will also qualify them to advance their studies of pursuing Paramedic instructions needed to test for and obtain their state Paramedic License.

Students say when they finish the course, they plan to pursue careers with the Fire Departments as EMTs, and Paramedics. Mr Coleman has a long career of over 30 years an Emergency Medical Provider. 28 of those years have been with Caddo Fire Dept. He has been teaching the profession for approximately 20 years.

For more information about the EMT Program, go to [www.susla.edu](http://www.susla.edu).



# SUSLA OFFERS AN INTENSE TRAINING PROGRAM TO THE CALUMET LUBRICANTS IN SHREVEPORT



Southern University at Shreveport Community and Workforce Development delivered an intense training program to the Calumet Lubricants plant in Shreveport Louisiana. As per the request of the company's plant leadership, the program concentrated in the following areas:

- Process Operations Training – 2.5 weeks
- Operations Safety – 1.5 weeks

The program started on Monday, August 23, 2021, and ended September 17, 2021. The trainees met every day, five days a week, for four weeks, from 7 am to 3:30 pm. At the company's training center.

The uniqueness of this effort that SUS was called to execute was:

Upon completion of their training, the trainees received two Continuing Education Certificates. From Southern University at Shreveport. These were:

- Process Plant Operations – 9.6 CEUs
- Process Plant Operations Safety – 5.6 CEUs

In addition, and for the first time in the history of the State of Louisiana, SUSLA, and Calumet Lubricants, the Calumet Lubricants Trainees successfully took and passed the National Institute for Uniformed License Power Engineers 4th Class National Certification examinations for Process Plant Operations and Operations Safety. This exercise exemplifies the excellence and innovative practices implemented by the Southern University at Shreveport meeting the needs of the chemical plant and refinery industries, the quality of the training that was delivered that was validated by a National Certifying agency.

Calumet Lubricants is pleased with the program training process and outcomes, SUSLA's undertaking under the leadership of Dr. John K. Galiotos Dean of Workforce Development in organizing, coordinating, and delivering such services, and they hope to institutionalize this relationship with SUSLA towards future training initiatives.

# LOCAL CHEFS PROVIDE HEALTHY COOKING DEMOS WITH “KIDS KOOKING IN THE KITCHEN”



MS KICK through SUSLA Continuing Education, hosted “Kids Kooking in the Kitchen,” with four local chefs from the Shreveport/Bossier Areas. During this summer camp, the participants learned the various tools needed to prepare the recipes, healthy recipes that are easily replicated at home, and the importance of Food Safety in the kitchen.

The summer camp spanned over the Summer months with four sessions featuring a different Local Chef as the lead instructor for the cooking demonstrations. The chefs were Chef Melanie of Southern Suga by Mel, Chef Hardette of Us up North, Chef Blake Jackson of Whisk Dessert Bar, and Chef Mark of ReMarkable Foods. Each chef brought their own uniqueness and style of cooking while emphasizing the importance of correct knife skills, utilizing fresh vegetables in the preparation of healthy meals, and providing cultural and historical backgrounds of the dishes they were preparing during the Cooking demonstrations.

The campers appreciated the one on one experience with each Chef as it was shown through their eagerness to learn and enjoy the dishes that each prepared. “Kids close their ears to advice but, open their eyes to example. We as adults must show the right way and not just tell them. That’s not just for cooking recipes that’s for life recipes as well”, when asked what he felt the greatest take away from Kids Kooking in the Kitchen summer camp. The camp hosted over 20 kids from different backgrounds and was composed of boys and girls. Monique Armand, Interim Executive Director for MS KICK spearheaded this summer camp with the assistance of Shannon Levingston of Continuing Education.

For more information about upcoming kids cooking class, check out our website [www.mskick.org](http://www.mskick.org), follow us on Facebook MS KICK, and or contact us at [mskick@susla.edu](mailto:mskick@susla.edu).



# SUSLA'S 2+2+2 MATRICULATION MODEL IN ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY



## SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY AT SHREVEPORT

**Building a Career Pathway from High School into the Workforce for Skilled Technicians in Electrical, Industrial, and Process Engineering Technology**

PI: Dr. Kenie Moses, Co-PI: Dr. Barry Hester, Co-PI: Dr. Fred Lacy

### BACKGROUND

Building a Career Pathway from High School into the Workforce for Skilled Technicians in Electrical, Industrial, and Process Engineering Technology is a project whose overarching goal is to advance technician education by developing a three-pronged Associate of Applied Science in Engineering Technology that can strengthen the workforce pipeline of diverse, skilled graduates to meet Northwest Louisiana's workforce needs.



#### FUNDING AGENCY

National Science Foundation  
Advanced Technological Education



#### TIMEFRAME

2021-2024  
(Three-year grant)



#### AWARD AMOUNT

\$299,800-\$99,900/year

### OBJECTIVES

- Produce workforce-ready technicians by creating a 2+2+2 pathway aimed at decreasing time to degree for Engineering Technology graduates
- Increase awareness of educational and career opportunities through outreach initiatives and recruitment aimed at improving participation of females and under-represented populations in the engineering technology sector
- Full implementation of SUSLA's 2+2+2 academic and career pathway in Engineering Technology from secondary diploma through associate degree and beyond

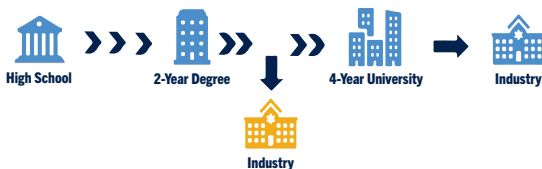
### CURRICULUM

- 1st (2) in model represents the 23-credit Dual Enrollment Certificate of Technical Students in Engineering & Technology
- 2nd (2) in model represents remaining credits to attain 2-year A.A.S. degree in Engineering Technology
- 3rd (2) in model represents either employment with employer partner or transfer to 4 year degree program

### COLLABORATORS/PARTNERSHIPS

- SWEPCO
- AEP
- Pasadena City College MNT-EC
- ExxonMobil
- University of New Mexico MNT-SIG
- Louisiana Tech University
- Sci-Port
- LA-STEM

### THE 2+2+2 MATRICULATION MODEL



### OUTCOMES TO DATE

- Program Development and Implementation
- State and Federal Program Approval
- Dual Enrollment Agreements with Area High Schools
- MOUs with Area Employers for Program Completers
- National Undergraduate Research Experiences (CURN) with 4-year Collaborator Institutions



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SUSLA has been awarded another Department of Education MSEIP grant titled "Project Engineering and Technology: Broadening Participation and Academic Opportunities for Minorities in Engineering & Technology (Project EaT)" in the amount of \$749,662. The grant will be led by Project Director, Dr. Kenie Moses and will be used to establish an experiential learning lab in Engineering & Technology, facilitate undergraduate research experiences and promote faculty and student professional development.

# VETERANS UPWARD BOUND HOSTS SUICIDAL PREVENTION & MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WORKSHOPS FOR THE PUBLIC

SHINE A LIGHT ON

# SUICIDE PREVENTION & MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WORKSHOPS

**THURSDAY, SEPT 23RD | 4 PM-7 PM**

**SUSLA MAIN CAMPUS | ALPHONSE JACKSON BLDG**

3050 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, Shreveport, LA 71107

**Christopher E. Donatto**

Retired United States Army

Mental Health Peer Specialist

AS+K, Ask About Suicide, Seek More Information

**Kevin Stevenson**

Clinical Social Worker

SAVE: Signs, Ask, Validate, Encourage & Expedite

Getting Help

**CLICK [HERE](#) TO REGISTER.**

*Refreshments will be served.*

For more information, please contact Urina F. Holt at [uholt@susla.edu](mailto:uholt@susla.edu) or 318.489.1957.



# CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2021-2022 SUSLA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION & THE ROYAL COURT



**OPPORTUNITY STARTS HERE.**

# SUSLA STUDENTS ENJOY “THE WILD THING” PARTY DURING WELCOME WEEK



# WELCOME OUR SEPTEMBER 2021 NEW HIRES AT SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY AT SHREVEPORT

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*Educational Advocate*  
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*Online Associate*  
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Sherman Houston  
*Instructor/Coordinator of History*  
**ACADEMIC AFFAIRS & CWD**

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR OCTOBER JAGUAR OF THE MONTH: DELLANEE WADE

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Dellanee Wade  
*Graphic Services & Multimedia Coordinator*

Dellanee Wade is a graphic designer and instructor based in Louisiana. Wade earned her Master of Fine Arts in Graphic Design from Louisiana Tech University and a BA in Communication with a concentration in New Media Design from Centenary College of Louisiana in Shreveport. Inspired by the design world, Dellanee’s work allows her to explore the qualities of visual material through image-making techniques with the intent to improve the communities in which we live and work.

She serves as the Graphic Services & Multimedia Coordinator at Southern University at Shreveport. She is responsible for managing the daily operations of the University’s Graphic Services Department. Wade provides creative input, project management, and direction of a diverse range of visual communications for the campus community. She also works in collaboration with the Office of Marketing & University Relations. When asked what she loves about SUSLA, she stated, “I love being around the culture and interacting with the students, because they inspire me to better my craft, develop ideas to better market our university, and engage with our audience.”

Dellanee is heavily involved in the community, from her solo exhibitions to professional organizations, such as Young Professionals Initiative (YPI), People Acting for Change and Equality (PACE), and the African-American and Greater Shreveport Chamber of Commerce. Since 2015, she has been an active member of the American Advertising Federation of Shreveport-Bossier and currently serving her fourth year on the executive board.



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