


## SUSLA A HOST SITE FOR NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN JUDGES ANNUAL CONFERENCE: “COLOR OF JUSTICE”


In March SUSLA was honored to serve as one of three host sites for the National Association of Women Judges Annual Conference. The theme for the conference was “Color of Justice”. The event drew a large attendance from throughout the city, region and state. Students from SUSLA’s Criminal Justice Program were also present to hear from and be inspired by women judges from a broad range of knowledge, experience, and work in the justice field.

National Association of Women Judges



# NAWJ

COLOR OF JUSTICE



## Southern University-Shreveport

TIME: 2:00 - 3:00 PM  
DATE: MARCH 21, 2019



JUDGE YVETTE M. ALEXANDER  
Baton Rouge City Court, Baton Rouge, LA



JUDGE PAULA BROWN  
Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals, New Orleans, LA



JUDGE REGINA BARTHOLOMEW-WOODS  
Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals, New Orleans, LA



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Judge Sheva M. Sims serves as the District 6 Director and Judge Aisha Clark served as the 2019 Conference Chairperson.

# 2019 Spring Convocation

Each year, The Office of Student Activities hosts its Fall Convocation. The goal of this event is to provide words of empowerment and encouragement to members of the SUSLA student body and the surrounding community.

Convocation was held on March 20, 2019 the speaker for this event was Social Entrepreneur/Humanitarian Rev. Steve Miller, who is the Project Director and Founder of the HBCU Truth & Reconciliation Oral History Project and the United States Christian Leadership Organization, a comprehensive and Christian-based educational and humanitarian organization dedicated to achieving racial equality through spreading the love of Christ and building relationships across ethnic lines in order to promote more lasting and authentic spiritual and social change.



He opened up with encouraging everyone to forget about certain things in their past. He shared with the group, he grew up poor and there were times when he didn't meet the expectation that was set by himself or his family. He confessed that in his junior year of college he almost dropped out, but in order for him to be where he is today he had to forget about some of the bad times that he had gone through. Mr. Miller encouraged the audience to forget about those derogatory, personal slips in their past that has caused them to ignore or abandon their dreams.



He believes one of the silver lining of bad times is creativity, where one has to create their own joy from things that others view as “*Ways of the impoverished*”. He closed by giving three examples to determining your purpose,

- 1) do what you're talented at doing,***
- 2) do what you enjoy doing, and***
- 3) do what you crave to do, because everyone holds the key to their own success.***

Pictured l to r:

Leslie McClellon, Special Assistant to the Chancellor for Economic Development, Steve Miller, Convocation Speaker and Caitlyn Jones, Miss SUSLA - 2018-2019

## SUSLA STUDENT RECEIVES ROTARY SCHOLARSHIP

On March 19, 2019, the Rotary Club of Shreveport hosted a scholarship luncheon to acknowledge six deserving students at colleges in North Louisiana. SUSLA student, LaTreavin Black received a \$2,000 scholarship after submitting a brief summary of the Rotary International motto: **“Service Above Self”**.



Dr. Alan Jackson  
Assistant Director of  
Financial Aid

LaTreavin and his mother, LaTarsha Phillips are both majoring in Criminal Justice at SUSLA. LaTreavin stated that he plans to pursue a career in law enforcement as a police officer or FBI agent after graduation to help prevent young adults from arrests and serve his community. In addition to his community service activities, LaTreavin has a 3.75 GPA and is a student athlete on SUSLA’s championship winning Men’s Basketball team.



LaTarsha Phillips and LaTreavin Phillips

Mr. Black and his mother were accompanied by SUSLA representatives: Stephanie Rogers, Chief Advancement Officer (on behalf of Rotarian Dr. Rodney Ellis); Katraya Williams, Director of Financial Aid; and Dr. Alan Jackson, Assistant Director of Financial Aid.

The Rotary Club of Shreveport also mailed a \$350 check to the two runners-up, Calvin Coley and Beatrice Wright.



Katraya Williams  
Director of Financial Aid





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## **VICE CHANCELLOR FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS RECEIVES AWARD FOR PROMOTING ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**



Dr. Sharron Herron-Williams, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at Southern University at Shreveport was presented the Fannie Lou Hamer and Kwame Nkrumah Award for Academic Leadership and Service in the African World during the 43rd Annual National Council for Black Studies Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana on March 9, 2019. This award is the highest-level award given to an academic leader who is blazing trails and spearheading initiatives critical to the academic enterprise.

She currently serves as assistant editor of the International Journal of Africana Studies and will host the Southern Conference of African American Studies in February 2020.

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## **ONE STOP CENTER FOCUSES ON INTEGRATION OF SERVICES**

On Tuesday, March 6, 2019, Southern University at Shreveport (SUSLA) hosted the “Integrated Continuum Partner Meeting.” During the meeting, One Stop Center partners participated in working sessions that focused on integration of services. Small groups of partners engaged in activities in which they ranked major programs of One Stop Centers (youth programs, basic career services, and employer services, etc.) on an Integration Continuum which included five levels: isolation, communication, coordination, collaboration, and integration. Groups will meet over the next year to work on increasing the level of integration of each focus area.

More than thirty employees of Louisiana Workforce Development Board 71 and Louisiana Workforce Development Board 70 attended the daylong event which was held in the Alphonse Jackson, Jr. Building on the campus of SUSLA. Participants included representatives from WIOA, Jobs for Veterans (JVSG), Wagner Peyser, Trade Adjustment, Vocational Rehabilitation, and Job Corps.

The One Stop Center, which is operated by SUSLA’s Division of Community & Workforce Development and funded through the City of Shreveport, LA’s Workforce Development Board 71, coordinates service delivery among partners and service providers. The integrated service model is based on the concept that strengthened partner connections and the enhanced delivery of services translates into improved outcomes for shared customers.



Picture below: Herman Vital, Bureau Chief of Workforce Development, City of Shreveport; Richard Bates, Northwest Louisiana Technical College; Garry Green, LWC

## SUSLA REPRESENTATIVES ATTEND GOVERNMENT CONTRACTING WORKSHOP

Dr. Regina Robinson, Vice Chancellor of Research, Sponsored Programs, and Institutional Effectiveness (RSPIE) and Darrin Dixon, Executive Director of Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development attended the National Institute of Health's (NIH) HBCU Industry Day in Bethesda, MD. The conference gave insight to HBCU's around the country about contracting opportunities available to Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

The conference also gave insight on how HBCU's should prepare to take advantage of these opportunities through forming strategic alliances with businesses and other universities, as well as building an infrastructure for engagement.



Dr. Regina Roberson  
VC, RSPIE



Darrin Dixon  
Executive Director of Entrepreneurship /  
Small Business Development

*The opportunity is vast given the fact that the agencies in the federal government have goals for inclusion for HBCU's that they are not close to meeting. We need to be preparing ourselves to help them meet their goals", stated Dixon.*

Plans are underway to begin strategizing across the campus to build a contracting enterprise.



**BY THE NUMBERS! SUSLA CELEBRATES  
OUTSTANDING YEAR OF ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS**

**100%** *Pass Rate!*

***Radiologic Technology Students Pass Rates NCLEX Exams***

***Dental Hygiene Student Pass Rates State Exams***

***Accreditation LPN AND RN Programs***

***Congratulations to the Allied Health Division***

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**JAGUAR of the MONTH**



***Dr. Rodney A. Ellis, Chancellor is pleased to announce  
Carolyn O'Neal  
as Jaguar of the Month for April 2019.***

**JAGUAR STUDENT of the MONTH**

**SAMBRISHA SHEPPARD** is a Nursing Major from Vivian, Louisiana who has attended SUSLA since 2017. During that time, she has maintained 3.8 and above GPA. She is a member of Beta Beta Nu Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa. Ms. Sheppard is the student worker for the Office of the Chancellor. In this position, she has demonstrated great customer service and professionalism in her work ethics on a daily basis. Per Ms. Linzola Winzer, her supervisor, “*She is very quick to catch on to any and every task assigned to her and completes them with little to no supervision. I am really going to miss her when she goes to SUBR in the Fall. I know she will do great on the SUBR campus.*” Sambrisha is very active in her church, where she is the Praise Dance Leader and serves as a mentor to other youth. Her hobbies include reading and shopping. Sambrisha is the youngest of her siblings but, you can't tell that by her strong character and outgoing personality.







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