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Bobby Phills named Chancellor of the SU Ag Center/ Dean of the College of Ag

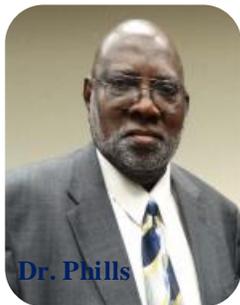
The Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center has a new leader for the second time since it was established in 2001. The Southern University Board of Supervisors' on August 26, 2016 named Bobby R. Phills as Chancellor/Dean of the SU Ag Center/College of Agriculture effective September 1.

Phills was one of three finalists selected by a search committee chaired by Kirkland Mellad, Vice Chancellor Emeritus, SU Ag Center, and former dean for the College of Agricultural, Family and Consumer Sciences, SU Baton Rouge campus, to replace Leodrey Williams, who retired June, 2015 after more than 40 years of service, and as chancellor since the SU Ag Center campus was established. The committee was co-chaired by Gina Eubanks, Vice Chancellor for Extension, SU Ag Center.

"I asked stakeholders across the state and those in the Ag Center and College of Agriculture to engage in a process to seek three candidates for consideration. These were three very qualified candidates, who have each enjoyed tremendous careers in agriculture and I believe that each would do an outstanding job in this role," said SU System President-Chancellor Ray L. Belton.

Phills' s position will be historic as well. The Southern University Board of Supervisors voted in April to combine the Southern University College of Agriculture with the SU Ag Center. The move aligns the academic unit located on the SU Baton Rouge campus with the Ag Center, allowing the operating functions of the three land-grant units (teaching, research, and cooperative extension) to be managed by the Chancellor/Dean.

SU Board of Supervisors Chairman Leon R. Tarver II offered congratulations as well to the new Chancellor-Dean who will lead the SU Ag Center and College of Agriculture.



Phills is a graduate of Southern University in horticultural sciences. He also received his MS and Ph.D. degrees from Louisiana State University in horticulture with emphasis in plant breeding, and a post doctorate from Cornell University in plant breeding and genetics.

Phills recently retired from Florida A&M University where he served for six years as Dean and Director of Land-Grant Programs with administrative responsibilities for teaching, research, extension and international programs from 1997 to 2003. Prior to his Florida A&M University post, he was Dean and Research Director of the SU College of Agricultural, Family and Consumer Sciences from 1985-1997. Phills also served as Director of the Small Fruit Research program in the Center for Viticulture and Small Fruit Research for 11 years. During his professional career, he has served in numerous capacities including: Scientist, Mentor, Program Leader, Faculty, Project Director, Principal Investigator, Research Director, Director, etc. He once served as George W. Carver Experiment Station, and Associate Director at the Carver Research Foundation (Tuskegee University), as well as Dean and Director of land-grant programs (Florida A&M University).

While his overall achievements have been and continue to be significant, he cites the impact that he has had on student recruitment, graduation, and professional development as his greatest pride and joy. Phills says that more than 200 students that graduated under his watch have gone on to become great leaders in their chosen professions which include agricultural and family and consumer scientists, biological engineers, food scientists, plant breeders, and educators, just to name a few. He boasts that more than 50 of his students have worked or are working for USDA agencies, many of which are in senior level administrative positions.

The Chancellor-Dean's new vision for the Land-Grant Campus going forward includes: Integrated programs across the campus; Linkage with

agricultural industry, other land-grant institutions and the federal government; Two-way integration of land-grant programs; Fund raising; Scholarship and endowment; paradigm shift in the way that land-grant serves its clientele especially outreach by seeking out clientele needs and providing assistance in addressing these needs; Significant increase in grants and contracts within all USDA agencies.

Strengthening of faculty numbers and capacity to look at emerging issues across the nation in terms of human capital development; Critical expertise vis-a-vis recruitment; Terminal degrees; Faculty and staff development to include short-term study leave; and Faculty two-way integration among the land-grant components of research, teaching and extension.

President Belton formally introduces new SU Ag Center Chancellor-COA Dean

Southern University System President Ray Belton officially introduced the newly appointed Ag Center Chancellor/College of Agriculture Dean Dr. Bobby R. Phills on September 6, 2016. Dr. Phills, who commenced duty on September 1, was presented to the faculty, staff and students of the SU Agricultural Research and Extension Center and College of Agriculture.



L-r: Hon. Smith, President-Chancellor Belton, Chancellor-Dean Phills

Also in attendance to welcome Dr. Phills and address the audience was SU Board member and Chair of the Academic Committee Hon. Ann A. Smith. The extension field staff in more than 33 Louisiana parishes attended the event via remote access. Earlier in the day, Dr. Phills toured the facilities for the SU Agricultural Research and Extension Center and College of Agriculture and met with faculty, staff and students. During his speech, Dr. Phills emphasized the importance of team work. “I need your help, you need my help, and we need to work as a team if we must succeed,” said Dr. Phills.

Administrators and staff participate in Local Food Stakeholder Roundtable Meeting

Southern University Ag Center Interim Chancellor Dr. Adell Brown, Jr., Vice Chancellor for Extension Dr. Gina E. Eubanks, Agricultural Specialist Dr. Dawn Mellion-Patin and Senior Research Associate Mila Berhane were among the participants of a statewide Louisiana Local Food Stakeholder Roundtable.

The meeting, which was held at the LSU AgCenter Botanic Gardens, Ione E. Burden Visitor and Conference Center in Baton Rouge, on August 5, 2016, brought small farmers, Ag businesses, Ag universities and community groups together with United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) agencies to discuss the challenges facing Louisiana's local farmers.

“A lot of consumers are asking to buy local and we see that as a huge opportunity for farmers and for businesses, but it's not always easy to connect the dots and have that supply meet that demand,” said Elanor Starmer, USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service Administrator.



L-r: Gina E. Eubanks, Dawn Milloen-Patin, Craig McCain, Elanor Starmer, Arthur Neal and Lee Jones at the Louisiana Local Food Stakeholder Roundtable meeting

During the discussion, some pointed out a lack of infrastructure/technology, labor, cooperation among farmers, assistance to young farmers, and needed reforms to the Farm Bill as some of the challenges faced by the state's local producers.

Dr. Mellion-Patin voiced her concern of a lack of consistency among some small farmers.

“The trend is changing, we're (the SU Ag Center) getting a lot of new and beginning farmers, but one of the challenges is that their acreage is so small and many of them grow a lot of

different produce, so it's not enough to provide to a consistent market where they would need to have a sustained level of volume,” explained Patin.

Dr. Eubanks addressed the issue of a declining number of young people pursuing careers in the field of agriculture by sharing information on the SU Ag Center's Jags-In-Ag and Beginning Agricultural Youth Opportunities Unlimited (B.A.Y.O.U.) Programs. Both programs are geared towards exposing college and high school students, respectively, to the career opportunities available in agriculture.

Read more at <http://bit.ly/2bzCF1W>

Urban Forestry student shines amid 2016 HBCU All-Stars

Kalaia Tripeaux, a Southern University Agricultural and Mechanical College junior, is one of 73 students from across 63 HBCUs who have been named the 2016 [White House Initiative on Historically Black](#)

[Colleges and Universities HBCU All-Stars](#).

The All-Stars, comprised of undergraduate, graduate, and professional students, are being recognized for their accomplishments in academics, leadership, and civic engagement.

“During the course of one academic school year, the 73 All-Stars will distinguish themselves as exemplars of the talent that HBCUs cultivate and as noble ambassadors of their respective institutions,” said U.S. Secretary of Education John B. King, Jr. “The Initiative is looking forward to working with this third class of All-Stars and is confident this opportunity will allow the Initiative to meaningfully connect with HBCU students and advance academic excellence at their schools.”

Twenty-year old Tripeaux is a Baton Rouge native and a 2014 graduate of Baton Rouge Magnet High School. Kalaia admits she had her eyes set on attending Southern University but was unsure of a major. However, through conversations with Southern University Ag Center’s Renita Marshall, DVM, who doubles as a student recruiter, the field of agriculture began to really become intriguing to Tripeaux. She consequently participated in the Summer 2014 “Beginning Agricultural Youth Opportunities Unlimited (BAYOU) Program,” and acquired a wealth of knowledge about majors offered in the agricultural and family & consumer sciences areas.

“I decided that my interests aligned with urban forestry. I could see where my love for science and the outdoors, interaction with people, problem-solving, writing, and researching could be used in this field.”



Kalaia Tripeaux poses between her mentor Dr. Marshall and President Belton

Now an Urban Forestry major, Tripeaux was awarded scholarships by the SU Agriculture Department, Taylor Opportunity Program (TOPS), Mu Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated, and the USDA’s 1890 Scholar Program to attend Southern University in Baton Rouge.

In the spring of 2016, Tripeaux was one of 11 SU Baton Rouge urban forestry students selected to receive a Global Scholar Award through the Global Research Experience for Students Program launched by the Urban Forestry and Natural Resources Program.

When the White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities HBCU All-Stars opportunity was announced, Tripeaux states that many of her agriculture professors said that she would be a good candidate and was encouraged to apply.

“So, in other words, I was encouraged by the faculty and staff of the Agriculture Department to apply for this honor,” she said.

Tripeaux was selected from a national pool of 300 candidates. Read the full article at <http://bit.ly/2bjZVEi>

[The Southwest Center for Rural Initiatives provides free services to flood victims in Opelousas](#)

The Southwest Center for Rural Initiatives has partnered with Atty. John M. Allen, III to provide free notary services to recent flood victims in the Opelousas area.

Atty. Allen, who is a DWI and personal injury attorney, is assisting community members with affidavits and other documents that need notarizing in regards to the recent disaster; including necessary documents for FEMA processing.



Attorney John M. Allen

The program began on Monday, August 29 at the Southwest Center, 1209 Diesi St., Opelousas, LA 70570. Atty. Allen's services are available by appointment, and open to the public.

To schedule an appointment, call 337-943-2410 or email, Krystle.Washington@suagcenter.com.

Visit our blog for more at <http://bit.ly/2bQ4CVK>

The Southwest Center for Rural Initiatives is a satellite campus of the Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center.

[SU Ag Center Partners with Red Cross Relief Center in St. Helena Parish for Temp After-School Program](#)

Approximately two days into the start of a new school year, classes were abruptly canceled from what many south Louisiana natives are calling, "One of the worst natural disasters in Louisiana's history." As the Great Flood of 2016 vastly inundated many homes throughout St. Helena Parish, some residents are faced with a new reality of temporarily living in a shelter. A local Red Cross representative stated that there are no immediate plans to move flood victims from the Multi-purpose Center that sits right on the Tangipahoa Parish line, but is in St. Helena Parish's Fifth District. The representative also stated that they have explored the option of hotel vouchers, but did not want to create other obstacles for those who do not have access to transportation to get to work and school.

The shelters population consist of youth who will undoubtedly begin to have homework, and could potentially have other stressors due to their lack of

resources or homelessness. Through the use of the Southern University Ag Center's Youth Educational Support Program (Y.E.S.), displaced families can be assured that the SU Ag Center has Youth Development Agents to meet their educational needs.



"I've actually been in talks with Police Jurors and School Board Officials prior to the natural disaster about starting an after-school program at the Multi-

purpose Center... Under these extenuating circumstances the YES Program can definitely address some of the immediate needs, like assisting with homework and providing ancillary activities to keep their minds off their temporary living arrangement," said SU Ag Center Assistant Area Agent, Nicolette Gordon.

Gordon will conduct a needs assessment, and will begin building a team of volunteers who will help throughout the duration of the temporary after-school program.

For more information on volunteer opportunities, please contact Nicolette Gordon in the St. Helena

Parish Extension office on Tuesday & Thursday at 225.222.4136 or via email at

nicolette_gordon@suagcenter.com.

Southwest Center for Rural Initiatives Hosts Successful 4-H Youth Ambassador Training

The Southwest Center for Rural Initiatives hosted a ‘Student Ambassadors for Healthy Living Training Workshop’ on Thursday, July 28th and Friday, July 29th. During the workshops, students were exposed to the following areas:

- Introduction and Program Overview- enlightened the youth that healthy living encompasses a holistic approach (healthy eating habits, physical fitness, emotional intelligence, and positive social interactions)
- Teens as Teachers: 4-H Youth Advocates for Health – youth were introduced to the year-long ambassador activities they would be responsible for facilitating to encourage their peers to make holistic and positive health-related changes.
- Keeping the Garden Growing and Harvesting the Garden- youth learned how to plan, plant, maintain and cultivate gardens with a hands-on workshop in the Southwest Center’s hoop house.
- What are the Chemicals in My Food? – Youth conducted an experiment on the macromolecules in food.
- Healthy, Fitness, and Mindfulness - youth participated in a 4-H Yoga for Kids Warm up and Full-Workout, learned how to utilize and track their fitness through the use of Polar Activity Watches, and Relaxation/ Meditation techniques.



- Healthy Snacks- youth explored the importance of nutrition as it relates to the quality of life, and how to choose healthy food options

Following Thursday’s training; the 4-H Youth Ambassadors, as well as workshop facilitators; community volunteers; and parent volunteers, traveled to Mansura, La. to visit the 40H Museum and the Desfossé House, which is the oldest home in Avoyelles Parish.

You can learn more about the [Desfossé House](#) by clicking [here](#):

Pictures from the Training and Trip are available at <http://bit.ly/2by5AJV>

For questions or additional information on the 4-H Youth Ambassadors or other Southwest Center youth programs, please contact the Southwest Center for Rural Initiatives at 337-943-2410.

[SU Ag Center provides teachers with insight into teaching children of incarcerated parents](#)

SU Ag Center Project Coordinator for Prison-Based Programs Dr. Tiffany Wilkerson-Franklin, and Dr. Leslie T. Grover, Assistant Professor of Public Administration and Public Policy, made a presentation during an Urban Education Mini Conference held on the Southern University Baton Rouge campus on Saturday, July 16, 2016.

The duo responded to the invitation of Southern University's College of Education Professor, Dr. Lisa Delpit to address a group of Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) students on the topic of "Understanding the Intricate Matters of Children of Incarcerated Parents: Through Another Set of Eyes."



The objectives of the presentation were:

To share information with teachers who work with children who may be at risk; To create a dialogue among professionals with varying levels of expertise; and To brainstorm on ways to deal with youth from varying backgrounds.

MAT is a 15-month Master's Degree and certification program designed to assist individuals who are interested in teaching grades 1 - 5 in an urban setting.

To obtain more information on the MAT program, contact Dr. Diana Kelly at 225-771-3640 or 225-771-3961.

For additional information on the presentation, contact Dr. Tiffany Wilkerson-Franklin at 225-771-2242 or via e-mail at: tiffany_franklin@suagcenter.com.

Focus Group on economic revival held in Waterproof, Tensas Parish

On September 1, some Research and Extension professionals from the Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center hosted a focus group with the concerned citizens of Waterproof, La. Among the 10 participants were Chief of Police Valerie Clark; Mayor Caldwell Flood; Alderwoman Veronica Stacker and retired educator Mary Frances Earl. Although Waterproof has its unique qualities, the town has a dire need for additional resources to revive the housing, education, employment, and community engagement. SU Ag Center staff who attended the meeting included: Dr. Ben Lukongo, Project Director, assisted by Co-Project Directors Dr. Kenyetta Nelson-Smith and Dr. Tiffany Franklin, a native of Waterproof. Mr. Eual Hall, Business Development Specialist at the Center for Rural and Small Business Development, provided handouts to attendees that will assist them with small business development.

The Ag Center's team working on the Evans Allen funded project entitled "Integrating Methods of Economic Development Analyses for Economically Distressed Communities in Louisiana," is gathering a range of ideas, insights and solutions to support economic development of communities throughout the state of Louisiana. It is a new University-Community Engagement project to improve the quality of life of residents.



Dr. Franklin, right, hands out questionnaire to participants

"Our team is excited to obtain ideas from you, listen to your stories and experiences, take into consideration your input, discuss and co-create the future vision of your community; collaborate to improve your community; identify issues that need more research and actions, and discuss alternative solutions, realistic plans, resources, and assets needed to better your community," said Dr. Lukongo.

The participants were eager to share their personal experiences about living in Waterproof and how they can make improvements that will put their community in the limelight and attract tourists. However, this will require assistance from outside entities such as local, state, and federal agencies, said Alderwoman Stacker. As an incentive for attending, eligible participants will receive a \$25 gift card. Dr. Lukongo will review the focus group responses and provide a detailed report of the findings.

Waterproof, La. is located in Tensas Parish, along the Mississippi River. Tensas Parish is home to some historic sites, which include Winter Quarters in Newellton, and Lake Bruin State Park in St. Joseph.

This project provides an excellent opportunity for citizens in rural areas across the state to share their vision to restore their small communities to where they used to thrive with larger populations and businesses. For more information on how to get your community involved with this study, contact: Dr. Ben Lukongo at 225-771-5385; Dr. Kenyetta Nelson-Smith at 225-771-5598; or Dr. Tiffany Wilkerson-Franklin at 225-771-2775.

Researchers Study Specialty Mushrooms as a niche crop for small farmers

Researchers at the Southern University Ag Center are studying the use of specialty mushrooms such as shiitake, oyster and rice-straw mushrooms as potential niche market crops for small family farms in Louisiana.

These mushrooms are an excellent choice for small farmers because of their nutritional value and medicinal properties. The mushrooms will not only utilize agricultural wastes (such as wheat straws, sawdust and wood chips of oak species, hay or lawn clippings) and fetch a good price in the market, but they have a very short growing cycle of 1-3 months. All these characteristics make these mushrooms conducive to be developed as a small grower enterprise to enhance farm income.

Dr. Kit L. Chin, Professor of Horticulture, is spearheading this specialty mushroom research to develop feasible and sustainable cultivation methods through a USDA-NIFA funded project entitled, "Specialty Mushroom as a Niche Marker Crop for Limited Resource Small Family Farms."

The research seeks to develop appropriate low-cost production systems to produce both nutritive and

antioxidant mushrooms. The production of these mushrooms will also assist in the reduction of costs associated with agrowaste disposal, provide a cleaner and healthy environment, and aid in economic development for Louisiana.



Chin and Lai seated, demonstrate mushroom cultivation to Qi and Snowden

To speed-up the program's development, the project has established research collaboration with Paul Lai of CePaul Mushroom Nursery in Malaysia. Lai has more than 30 years of mushroom production experience and has been

providing training and consulting services throughout Southeast Asia.

On Sept. 2, Lai held a seminar on specialty mushrooms at the Southern University Ag Center, which provided information on best practices for cultivating specialty mushrooms.

For additional information on the Southern University Ag Center's Specialty Mushroom as a Niche Marker Crop for Limited Resource Small Family Farms Project, contact Dr. Kit L. Chin at 225-771-2242.

Historic Flood in Louisiana Attests to the Importance of Flood Research in Sustaining Urban Forests

Louisiana's recent historic flood has attested to the importance of SU Ag Center's flood research in sustaining urban forests and mitigating damage. Understanding the responses of urban tree species subjected to flooding is crucial for the management of natural resources in general and urban forests in particular. The 2016 flood in Louisiana has demonstrated the need for research addressing urban flooding and how urban trees respond to the stress. The research project at the Urban Forestry and Natural Resources Department addresses such a need. A funded project by the USDA/NIFA Capacity Building Grant Program, has been investigating the response of urban tree species to flooding and elevated CO₂. These stressful conditions may influence the full range of ecological processes that operate in urban forest systems, including tree sapling survival. Dr. Zhu H. Ning, Project Director and Urban Forestry Professor, has been leading a group of students to research on the impact of these stress factors on select tree species.

The greenhouse research experiments subjected tree saplings of nine commonly planted tree species to periodic flooding using flood simulation tanks. The research team has been collecting data on tree photosynthesis, stomatal conductance, and transpiration under a range of elevated CO₂ settings from 400 ppm to 800 ppm. The uniqueness of the research project is that it tests the combined effects of two stressors, flooding and elevated CO₂, which was not done before by others.

The project has yielded valuable results on tree species selection for flood tolerance and urban forest management in a changing climate.

Ning and her student team have disseminated their research results in sixteen publications and eight presentations at the national and international levels. Among them, seven publications are produced by students as lead authors; one doctoral dissertation; two M.S. theses; and six with students as co-authors. The project has provided \$172,800 in graduate assistantships and undergraduate student research stipends. The project has also obtained a supplemental funding of \$25,000 from US Geological Survey Climate and Land-use Change Program to support an additional 10 undergraduate students.



L-r: Brittany Benjamin, M.S. degree student, Wilbert Thomas, doctoral student, and Dr. Zhu H. Ning, Project Director and faculty advisor

The value of this study can best be described by some of the students who are participating in the research project. For example, Brittany Benjamin, a Master's degree student, stated that from the data she collected, she concludes that Crabapple trees do not perform well during flood, therefore, it should not be planted in flood prone areas. Wilbert Thomas, a Doctoral candidate found that Japanese Magnolia could recover well from flood impact. Chris Smith, an M.S. degree student described that after the recent flood in Baton Rouge and surrounding areas, especially losing his own home to flood water, this project and the importance of the flood -based research has been put into perspective. He indicated that it is important to plant flood tolerate trees to mitigate surface runoff and to reduce the amount of water flowing into properties during natural disasters. And that the research data he collected provide first-hand information and contribute to the regional urban forest recovery.

FACULTY & STAFF ACCOMPLISHMENTS & ACTIVITIES

Publications:

Fatemah Malekian, Ph.D., nutrition professor, **Sebhatu Gebrelul**, Ph.D., animal science professor, **James F. Henson**, Ph.D., statistician, **Kasundra D. Cyrus**, Ed.D., professor of family and consumer sciences, **De'Shoim Y. Friendship**, extension specialist, and **Mfamara Goita**, research associate, co-authored an article with Dr. Betty M. Kennedy, Pennington Biomedical Research Center. The research article entitled "[the effects of whey protein, resistant starch and nutrition education on body weight](#)" was published in a recent issue of

Dr. Yadong Qi, Urban Forestry Professor, and **Dr. Kit L. Chin**, Horticulturist, co-authored a review research article with **Dr. Xiaobin Liu**, former SU Ag Center researcher. The article entitled "Growth and Development Responses to UVB Exclusion in Crops," is published in the current issue of *International Journal of Plant Production*.

In the news:

The *Chronicle of Higher Education* magazine listed **Dr. Bobby Phillips** in its 'Top Chief Executives and Appointments,' section of the publication. The information can be viewed by clicking the following link:
http://www.chronicle.com/article/Appointments-Resignations/237669?cid=rc_right.

Associate Professor/DVM, Renita Wood-Marshall, along with SU Alum and Director of the Hammond Animal Hospital and Pet Lodge/DVM, Tyra Davis Brown, appeared on NBC 33's morning show on Sept. 5th to promote the Center's upcoming "Disaster Relief Wellness Clinic for Dogs and Cats."

Functional Foods in Health and Disease Journal (FFHD); Vol 6, No 7 (2016): July 2016. The article is available in the FFHD online version at <http://ffhdj.com/index.php/ffhd/issue/view/73>

The *Functional Foods in Health and Disease* journal is a peer-reviewed open access journal, which discusses various aspects of functional foods, bioactive compounds, and chronic diseases.

The paper can be accessed at http://ijpp.gau.ac.ir/article_3048_145bc812df0f4a7d9fcf29676c17f798.pdf. The complete citation is: X.B. Liu, Y. Qi, and K.L. Chin. 2016. Growth and Development Responses to UVB Exclusion in Crops, *International Journal of Plant Production*, 10(4): 543-550.

The interview can be viewed by clicking the following link:
<http://www.brproud.com/news/local-news/southern-ag-center-to-host-pet-wellness-clinic>.

An article on the Southern University Board of Supervisors naming **Dr. Bobby Phillips** as Chancellor of the SU Ag Center and Dean of the College of Agriculture appeared in *The Advocate Newspaper* on Sept. 7 and in *The Journal of Blacks in Higher Education* on Sept. 12. The articles can be viewed on the [Advocate website](#) and at [The Journal of Blacks in Higher Education](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS:

October 5: National Youth Science Day. Youth from 4-H clubs, groups, and school programs across the country will participate in Drone Discovery, the 4-H NYSD 2016 Engineering Design Challenge. At Southern University, the event will take place from 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. in the Smith-Brown Student Union. Contact Dr. Tiffany Franklin for full detail by calling 225-771-2242.

Oct 20: 2016 High Tunnel Pest Management workshop. The “High Tunnel Pest Exclusion System and Proper Use of Alternative Insecticides Workshop” will be held in Alexandria starting at 9 30 am. Contact Mila Berhane at 225-771-2242 for further detail. The workshop is sponsored by Southern SARE, SU and LSU Ag Centers.

Oct. 19: 2016 High Tunnel Pest Management workshop. The “High Tunnel Pest Exclusion System and Proper Use of Alternative Insecticides Workshop” will be held at the LSU Ag Center Burden Center, Baton Rouge. Contact Mila Berhane at 225-771-2242 for further detail. The workshop is sponsored by Southern SARE, SU and LSU Ag Centers.

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Photos: Pet Clinic

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Southern University holds a free pet clinic for flood victims. (Advocate staff photos by PATRICK DENNIS)



Advocate Staff Photo by PATRICK DENNIS

A young catahoula hound waits in line for health care treatment at Southern University's Pet Clinic. More than 200 animals were vaccinated and ID chipped during the four hour period.



ADVOCATE STAFF PHOTOS BY PATRICK DENNIS

People wait in line with their pets for treatment at Southern University's Pet Clinic on Monday.

Healthy, happy pets

More than 200 animals were treated Monday as two veterinarians, along with many volunteers, administered vaccinations, inserted ID chips and provided heartworm medication to pets and displaced animals affected by the flooding at Southern University's Pet Clinic.



ABOVE: Asia Rice, a Southern University sophomore, draws a vaccine for a pet.

RIGHT: Veterinarian Renita Marshall, center, gives a vaccination to Max, a 3-year-old husky, owned by Savannah Johnson, as Malik Allen, right, assists.

