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Synoptic Overview of SU Land-Grant Campus Activities - September 2017

1. Yosha Lain selected as the 2017 White House HBCU All Star Scholar for Southern
2. Professor Zhu Ning Honored with Prestigious International Award
3. The SU Institute for One Health One Medicine launches Mentoring Program
4. Sixteen farmers attend Produce Safety Training in St. Helena Parish
5. Morehouse Parish Black Farmer spread inspiration at annual Field Day
6. St. Helena Parish's OMG Club Receives Grant to Promote Tobacco-Free Living
7. SU Land-Grant Campus hosts Cristo Rey's two-day campus exploration
8. SU Land-Grant Campus hosts Disaster Preparedness workshop for Louisiana farmers
9. SU Ag Center's 4-H LIFE CHILL visits Global Wildlife
10. SU Ag Center Gives Youth a Boost of Energy during Little League Football Clinic
11. Ascension Parish holds Back to school event in style
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13. Dietetic Internship Program at the SU Land-Grant Campus renews accreditation
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YOSHA LAIN NAMED THE 2017 WHITE HOUSE HBCU ALL-STAR SCHOLAR

Ms. Yosha K. Lain, an Urban Forestry senior at Southern University has been selected as a 2017 White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities All Star Student Ambassador. According to Elyse Jones, the Operations & Program Analyst and the HBCU All-Star Program Manager of the U.S. Department of Education's White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Ms. Lain's superb achievements in academics, leadership, and civic engagement have set her apart from other applicants. The White House Initiative on HBCU is delighted that Ms. Lain will represent the Initiative as an ambassador who will go on to graduate as a leader from one of the nation's finest HBCUs.



HBCU ALL-STAR YOSHA LAIN (center) and her Academic Adviser Dr. Zhu H. Ning (left) are congratulated by SU System President Dr. Ray Belton for receiving award

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DR. ZHU NING HONORED WITH PRESTIGIOUS INTERNATIONAL AWARD

Dr. Zhu H. Ning, an Endowed Professor of Urban Forestry and Natural Resources at the Southern University and A&M College System, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, is the 2017 recipient of the International Society of Arboriculture's (ISA) prestigious Alex L. Shigo Award for Excellence in Arboricultural Education.



Dr. Zhu H. Ning, left, congratulated by SU System President Dr. Ray Belton for receiving award

The full article is available on our Blog.

Ning was highlighted in an article titled "SU professor receives international award," on WAFF Channel 9 on August 16. Watch the clip and read the article at <http://bit.ly/2vLSizd>.

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INSTITUTE FOR ONE HEALTH ONE MEDICINE LAUNCHES MENTORING PROGRAM

Two seniors from Zachary High were invited to participate in Southern University's Institute for One Health, One Medicine for exposure to the agricultural sciences in the College of Agricultural, Family and Consumer Sciences. The first mentoring program participants were engaged in experiential learning activities on August 3. The students, Ja'Mecia Profit and Amin Washington, were required to complete a senior project entitled "Windows to the World." This program will allow the mentees to engage in daily activities through job shadowing and hands-on experiences, while learning leadership skills by working with faculty and staff in the college. This ongoing project throughout their senior year will give the mentees a glimpse of various careers in agriculture with emphasis on animal science.



SU Land-Grant Campus faculty share hands-on experiences with mentoring program participants in August

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SIXTEEN FARMERS ATTEND PRODUCE SAFETY TRAINING IN ST. HELENA PARISH

Sixteen farmers from the St. Helena area attended Produce Safety Training for small farmers in Greensburg on August 24, 2017. The farmers participated in the learning experience related to soil amendment, water safety, worker health and hygiene, storage and transportation and post-harvest activities. Participants were asked to pinpoint the safety issues in their farms and prepare a farm safety plan. Dr. Fatemeh Malekian, produce safety project director, Emily King, produce safety program coordinator, and Burnell Muse, extension specialist from Southern University Agricultural Land-Grant Campus conducted the training.



Above: Produce Safety training session
Below: Trainees pose with SU Land-Grant Campus trainers

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MOREHOUSE PARISH BLACK FARMERS SPREAD INSPIRATION AT FIELD DAY

SU Land-Grant Campus was mentioned by "This Week in Louisiana Agriculture" in a video produced by The Voice of Louisiana Agriculture relating to the Morehouse Parish Black Farmers' Field Day.

The video is available at <https://goo.gl/PWQSF5>

This annual event usually kicks off on Harper Armstrong's farm where he grows mostly corn and soybeans.



Mr. Harper Armstrong grows corn and soybeans

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ST. HELENA PARISH'S OMG CLUB RECEIVES GRANT FOR TOBACCO-FREE LIVING

Next Era, a new statewide youth movement of The Louisiana Campaign for Tobacco-Free Living, recently awarded \$1,700 to the Outstanding Mature Girlz (OMG) Club in St. Helena Parish to promote tobacco-free living. Teens at St. Helena College & Career Academy will unite as change agents to promote healthy, tobacco-free lifestyles.



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SU LAND-GRANT CAMPUS HOSTS CRISTO REY'S TWO-DAY SU EXPLORATION

On August 14, the SU Agricultural Land-Grant Campus hosted 60 students in the 10th grade from Cristo Rey, and on August 17, the faculty and staff returned with 62 students in the 9th grade to learn about academic offerings at Southern University.

Cristo Rey is a college prep High School that partners with many corporate work study programs and is exposing students to available universities in the state.



Chancellor-Dean Dr. Bobby R. Phills, SU Land-Grant Campus welcomes 62 students from Cristo Rey on August 17

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DISASTER PREPAREDNESS WORKSHOP FOR LOUISIANA FARMERS

The Louisiana Ranchers & Growers Association (LRGA) held an Annual Meeting and Workshop themed, "Drought to Deluge: Are You Ready for the Next Disaster?" at the Southern University Agricultural Center on Aug. 19, 2017. The workshop brought 25 participants to the Southern University Land-Grant Campus.



A session taught by USDA/Farm Service Agency's Patrick Babineaux, County Executive Director, Tangipahoa Center

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SU AG CENTER'S 4-H LIFE CHILL VISITS GLOBAL WILDLIFE

The Southern University Ag Center's 4-H Living Interactive Family Education (LIFE) Mentoring Program and Changing How I Live Life (CHILL) group participated in a tour of the Global Wildlife Center in Folsom, La. on July 18, 2017. A total of 28 participants - 18 youth along with 10 mentors, volunteers, SU Ag Center staff and caregivers - from East Baton Rouge and St. Landry Parishes attended the tour.



The 4-H LIFE CHILL youth, caregivers and mentors tour the Global Wildlife Center in Folsom, La.

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YOUTH RECEIVE A BOOST OF ENERGY DURING LITTLE LEAGUE FOOTBALL CLINIC

On Saturday, August 19, Louisiana Youth Football (LYF) registered nearly 500 youth at Memorial Stadium for Little League Football and Cheer. Local Football Teams gathered excitedly to register, weigh-in their players, talk with other coaches about growth spurts, and jokingly discussing which teams would take the wins this season. The Southern University Ag Center was on hand to give youth players healthy snacks, and educational push cards on ways youth players can achieve proper nutrition and weight management.

For more information on how to get involved with LYF, call 225.308.1147 or visit www.louisianayouthfootball.com



Photos from the Little League Football Clinic held at Memorial Stadium on August 19

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ASCENSION PARISH HOLDS BACK-TO-SCHOOL EVENT IN STYLE

Ascension Parish held its 9th Annual "Back 2 School N Style Event" on August 6 for youth ages 5- 15 years old. Participating youth received information on "MyPlate" while Mrs. Lisa Weber, Extension Agent, encouraged them to eat breakfast every morning, get plenty of rest, drink plenty of water, and to be active for at least 60 minutes each day. This event is held annually at the Lamar Dixon Center in Gonzales, La. The event was sponsored and founded by Tona Tureaud, owner and operator of Anointed Hands Hair Salon in Gonzales. Youth in attendance were offered free hair styling, cuts and lots of opportunities to win items that would be useful as they go back to school.



Mrs. Weber distributes printed information on nutrition and healthy living to youth during the back-to-school event

SU AG LAND-GRANT CAMPUS HOLDS SOCIAL MEDIA SEMINAR

The Communications Dept. at the SU Agricultural Land-Grant Campus conducted a social media training for faculty, staff and students on August 23, 2017 in A. O. Williams Hall. The 30-minute sessions, held in the morning and afternoon, focused on overview of Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. This was the first in a series of such professional development training to take place on the Land-Grant Campus.



DIETETIC INTERNSHIP PROGRAM AT SU LAND-GRANT CAMPUS RE-ACCREDITED

The Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND®) Board met July 26-28, 2017. The SU Dietetic Internship Program received positive reviews from the ACEND Board at that meeting, and was commended for supporting nutrition and dietetics education and students. Dr. Cheryl Atkinson serves as Director of the SU Baton Rouge Dietetic Internship Program.

AN ARTICLE BY FCS PROFESSOR ACCEPTED FOR PUBLICATION

Dr. Jung-Im Seo, professor of Apparel Merchandising and Textiles (AMTX), Department of Family and Consumer Science, recently submitted an article for publication and has been accepted by the International Journal of Fashion Design, Technology and Education. The article titled Fit Issues in Ready-to-wear Clothing for African-American Female College Students Based on the Body Shapes is co-authored by Dr. Grace W. Namwamba, former SU AMTX professor. The research was funded by the Southern University System Foundation 1880 Society under Grant.

SU Land-Grant Campus welcomes new employee

The SU Land-Grant Campus family welcomes **Ms. Sonhita Sarkar** who will be serving as the Accounting Technician for the Finance Unit.

Schedule of Events

September 25: Produce Growers Training at SU Ag Center, A.O. Williams Hall in Baton Rouge, La. For full detail, call Emily King, at 225-771-2367.

November 21: Fall Gardening Workshop. For full detail, call Kelli Hollins at 225-771-5782 or e-mail kelli_hollins@suagcenter.com