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The SU Land-Grant Campus Concludes a Successful Inaugural Retreat



The Chancellor-Dean of the Land-Grant Campus, Dr. Bobby R. Phills, faculty, staff and facilitators pose for a group photo on the last day of the retreat at the Law Center

The Southern University Agricultural Land-Grant Campus concluded its two and a half day ‘Inaugural Administrative Organization and Strategic Planning Retreat’ on August 2, 2017.

The retreat, which was held at the Southern University Law Center, was facilitated by Beatra Wilson, National Urban and Community Forestry Program Manager for the United States Department of Agriculture’s Forest Service and Dr. Willie Rawls, Retired Associate Research Director and Professor of Agricultural Education at the SU Ag Center.

The final day of the retreat provided the administrative staff with a re-cap of the issues and solutions formulated during the previous days’ breakout and plenary sessions.

SU Land-Grant Campus Chancellor-Dean, Dr. Bobby R. Phills, also presented the state of the SU Agricultural Land-Grant Campus and encouraged the attendees to continue to work together to provide the best Research, Extension and Teaching experiences for the Center’s clientele and students.

The event ended with a picnic in the courtyard of the Law Center.

The SU Ag Center and the SU College of Agricultural, Family and Consumer Sciences together are called the Southern University Agricultural Land-Grant Campus.

Visit our blog by clicking [here](#).

The Louisiana Delegation from SU Land-Grant Campus takes national stage



The Louisiana delegates pose for a photo with Representative Garrett Graves, center, from Louisiana's 6th District



Citizenship Washington Focus youth from the SU Land-Grant Campus visit Capitol Hill with Dr. Franklin and Ms. Hollins

The Louisiana Delegation from the SU Land-Grant Campus joined the national 4-H Club for its annual Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) event in D.C., July 10 -14. The delegation of six youth was led by Dr. Tiffany Franklin, 4-H CWF Coordinator at the Southern University Land-Grant Campus, and Ms. Tara Hollins.

This year's delegates were: Michael Boudreaux, Tyliya Pitts, and Michael Wicker, from the SU Lab School; Jaymya Jouber, A'mya Thomas, and Coby Pittman, from Park Ridge Academic Magnet School.

You can read and share the full article by clicking [here](#).

Class VI of the Small Farmer Ag Leadership Institute takes a farm study tour to Houston

SU Ag Land-Grant
Ag Institute Explores
Houston Farms and
Landmarks



Members of the 6th class of the Small Farmer Agricultural Leadership Institute, advisors and SU Land-Grant Campus employees went on a three-day tour to explore agriculture in the greater Houston area, July 12-15, 2017.

The Southern University Land-Grant Campus has offered an agricultural leadership training program to small farmers across the United States for the past 11 years. This two-year course of study, consists of training seminars, video lessons, agricultural enterprise visits and farm study tours.

For more information about the program, contact Dawn Mellion-Patin, Ph.D., director, Small Farmer Agricultural Leadership Training Institute/Vice Chancellor for Extension and Outreach at 225-771-3532; or visit our website at suagcenter.com.

The SU Land-Grant Campus launches SNAP-Ed App



The *Nutritionally Yours* Program at the SU Land-Grant Campus has released a free mobile [SNAP-Ed](#) App available in Apple and Android stores for download. Search for “SU Ag snap ed” or “SU Ag Nutrition” in the app store. You can download, use and share the app with friends and family. The app links directly to the [Nutritionally Yours](#) website with tons of information, including how to apply for SNAP.

Read more by clicking [here](#).

SU Land-Grant Campus teaches youth about agriculture and Southern at Youth Expo



Participants are engaged in hands-on activities at the exposition event including cooking, gardening, lectures and a game of basketball.

Nearly 60 youth participated in the Acadiana Family and Youth Expo hosted by the Southern University Land-Grant Campus at the Sustainable Agricultural Rural Development Institute (SARDI) in Opelousas on July 27. This year's expo themed, "Cultivating the Next Generation of Ag Leaders," attracted participants from the Acadiana Region including Iberia, St. Landry, Lafayette, Calcasieu and St. Martin Parishes, to enjoy educational activities, contests and games.

Youth were involved in hands-on activities such as financial literacy, cooking demonstration, herb gardening, bio-fuel processing, fire prevention, drone demonstrations, and a basketball game. They also competed in Public Speaking and Creative Writing. In the Middle School category of the Public Speaking Contest, Devon Scott emerged as the sole first place winner. Nyah Hampton from St. Landry placed 1st in the High School group, followed by Alesia Francis from Lafayette and Brendalyn Jarius from Lafayette in 3rd place. Winners in the High School Creative Writing category were: Anjanelle Armstead from Calcasieu in 1st place, Nia Johnson from Iberia 2nd, and Mackenzie Therry of St. Landry in 3rd place.

The full article is available on our blog page [here](#).

SARDI holds first ACT Prep Workshop



Twenty-five students from several St. Landry Parish High Schools attended the ACT Prep Workshop hosted by the Sustainable Agriculture Rural Development Institute

The Sustainable Agriculture Rural Development Institute (SARDI) hosted its first ACT PREP Workshop on June 3, 2017 at its Opelousas office. Twenty-five students from Northwest High, Opelousas High, North Central High, and Porte Barre High Schools attended the workshop.

Dr. Donya Boyd instructed the ACT Prep workshop, which covered lessons in mathematics and English. At the end of the workshop, students had an understanding of what will be expected on the ACT test and how to prepare and succeed in future exams. Dr. Boyd was assisted by SARDI's staff.

For additional information about SARDI or to receive information about its programs and services, call 337-943-2410.

Read more by clicking [here](#).

SU Land-Grant Campus hosts EBR CHEF Camps to teach cooking and social skills

The Southern University Land-Grant Campus collaborated with the LSU AgCenter to host youth cooking schools, called “Creating Healthy Enjoyable Foods,” or CHEF Camps for East Baton Rouge youth ages 9-11 from July 10-15 and for 12-15 year olds, July 24-July 28, in Pinkie Thrift Hall. These camps are held throughout the state during the summer months.

The camp is designed to teach basic cooking principles, skills and nutrition education based on the USDA’s recommendations and guidelines, with the goal of combating childhood obesity and related diseases. It also teaches MyPlate, germ prevention, kitchen safety, and social skills.

“These camps are very useful in this day and time for children to learn skills they can use for life,” said Kiyana Kelly, Nutrition Educator at the SU Land-Grant Campus. “Especially learning how to prepare food safely using the microwave now that many parents work, and when kids return home from school they can still eat healthy.”

Read the full report on session one by clicking [here](#).

The first session was featured in the nightly news by WAFB Channel 9 on July 14.

In addition to learning how to cook a meal in the second session, the youth played a game called "Fear Factor," where they were blind folded and had to identify the fruit or spice they were given to taste. Later in the day, they made Fruit Salsa and Cinnamon Chips.

You can read and share the article on session two by visiting our [blog](#).

For more information about the camp, contact Kiyana Kelly or Marquetta Anderson-Reynolds at (225) 389-3055 or mail kiyana_kelly@sugacenter.com or marquetta_anderson@sugacenter.com.

Click [here](#) to view photos from the 2017 East Baton Rouge Parish CHEF Camps.



Session one campers and teachers having fun with hands-on activities



Session two campers and teachers having fun with hands-on activities

SU Land-Grant Campus offers Food Safety Certification trainings



In Opelousas, SARDI Director Antonio Harris, (center), presents Bruce Harrelson with his Food Safety Certificate, with Emily King looking on.



Dr. Fatemeh Malekian speaks to Marksville participants.

Recently, 24 Louisiana residents received Food Safety Certification under the Southern University Land-Grant Campus program, *Enhancing Capacity of Louisiana Small Farms and Businesses*.

Trainings on safe food handling were held in Marksville and in Opelousas during May, June and July 2017. Dr. Fatemeh Malekian, Professor at the Southern University Land-Grant Campus, was assisted by Emily King, Produce Safety Program Coordinator, in presenting five sessions at each location. William Augustine, Project Coordinator, organized and assisted with the sessions.

The topics that were covered included the importance of food safety, good personal hygiene, controlling time and temperature, preventing cross-contamination, cleaning and sanitizing. The training and resource materials were provided at no charge.

Participants received the ServSafe Food Handler Guide and a binder with the information taught in the sessions. At the final session, the participants received their Food Safety Certificates.

In Marksville, the venue was St. John Community Church-Baptist. Pastor Charles Guillory and Mrs. Venita Gibson, church secretary, were very active in recruiting participants and supporting the program.

In Opelousas, the sessions were held at the Sustainable Agricultural Rural Development Institute, a satellite campus of the Southern University Land-Grant Campus. Antonio Harris, Director, and Chasity Johnson, Administrative Assistant, informed the community, invited participants, and assisted at the sessions.

This training was made available by funding through the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry, from federal disaster funds for Hurricanes Ike and Gustav, administered by the state Office of Community Development.

SU Land-Grant Campus holds Family and Youth Expo in St. Helena Parish



Youth were involved in hands-on activities such as cooking demonstration, gardening, and playing games while learning valuable lessons.

The Southern University Agricultural Land-Grant Campus held the first of three regional family and youth expositions at the St. Helena College & Career Academy in Greensburg, La. on June 30.

Dr. Dawn Mellion-Patin, Vice Chancellor for Extension and Outreach, was on hand to bring greetings to the more than 114 youth and adult participants.

The expo, themed “Cultivating the Next Generation of Ag Leaders,” is part of the Campus’s culminating event for its 2017 youth development programs.

For additional information, contact Nicolette Gordon at 225-222-4136 or email nicolette_gordon@sugcenter.com.

Read more on our [blog](#) or click [here](#) to view pictures.

SU Land-Grant Campus holds C.H.E.F. Camp in Caddo Parish



2017 CHEF Camp students with their certificates on June 23 in Caddo Extension Office. Left, Patricia Lee, Assistant Area Agent for DeSoto and Caddo Parishes.

The 2017 Creating Healthy Enjoyable Foods (C.H.E.F.) Camp students with their certificates on June 23 in the Caddo Extension Office. Patricia Lee, who serves as Assistant Area Agent for DeSoto and Caddo Parishes, coordinated the camp that taught nine youth how to cook and eat healthy.

Additionally, an article on SU Land-Grant Campus’s CHEF Camp appeared in the *Madison Journal* in June.



Schedule of Events

August 23: Social Media professional development training at A.O. Williams Hall. For further detail, contact [Lakeeshia Giddens](#) at 225-771-2160.

August 24: College of Agricultural, Family and Consumer Sciences Fall Cook-Out. Contact Dr. Reuben C. Walker at 225-771-3206 or calvin_walker@subr.edu

August 30: Back to School Summit at Sustainable Agricultural Rural Development Institute in Opelousas. For further detail, contact Antonio Harris at - 337-943-2410 or email antonio_harris@suagcenter.com

September 11 -13: Small Farmer Leadership Institute in Pine Bluff, Arkansas. For further detail contact Kelli Hollins at 225-771-5782 or kelli_hollins@suagcenter.com

