

Southern University Agricultural Land-Grant Campus

Chancellor's Report



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75th Annual State Livestock and Poultry Show

Nearly 200 young farmers from throughout the state participated in the 75th Annual State Livestock Show at the Maurice A. Edmond Livestock Arena. The event provided an opportunity for youth to showcase their hard work and skill in raising and caring for various breeds of cattle, hogs, sheep, lamb, goats and poultry. Overall, 39 participants were named champion, and received prizes that consisted of premiums, ribbons, rosettes and trophy belt buckles.

St. Joseph, La. mayor and retired Tensas Parish Extension Agent, Elvodus Fields, has been bringing participants to Southern's Livestock Show for 57 years.

"I think it (SU Livestock Show) aids in the development of responsible womanhood and manhood," said Fields. "Most of all that child is responsible for that animal. If the animal eats, the child has to feed it. If the animal gets sick, the child has to make sure the animal gets well. The child has to learn how to discipline the animal and be disciplined as well," added Fields.

Seventeen year-old Destinee Morris is an example of the development that Mayor Fields talked about. The West Feliciana Parish native has been showing steers at the Southern University Livestock Show since she was 11. She said participating in the Livestock Show has helped her learn to enjoy nature. She credits her sister for peaking her interest in showing steers after seeing pictures of her participating in Southern's Livestock Show.

2018 will be Morris' last year participating in the Livestock Show. The high school senior plans to attend college out of the state in the Fall. For her final show she took home Reserve Champion in the Market Steer Division and placed 3rd in Showmanship.

The 75th Anniversary received major support from the local and state levels. U.S. Senator Bill Cassidy took a moment to wish participants good luck during the show via video message.

While he could not come in person, a representative from his office, Mr. Brian McNabb who helped kick off the first day's activities. Senator Greg Tarver also read a resolution presented to the Senate in honor of the 75th Anniversary.

"WE ARE EXCITED TO CELEBRATE 75 YEARS OF HOLDING A LIVESTOCK SHOW. SOUTHERN IS THE ONLY HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY THAT CURRENTLY HOLDS A LIVESTOCK SHOW AND WE ARE VERY PROUD OF THAT."



The Southern University Livestock Show is like no other show in the state. “Our show is unique in the fact that we offer guided school tours that include a petting zoo, gardening station and educational presentations while the participants are showing their animals,” said Harold Mellieon, Ph.D., Director of Livestock Show Programs. “The tours provide an opportunity for many youth in the Baton Rouge area to see live farm animals in person for the first time. We also have college students from Southern’s College of Agricultural, Family and Consumer Sciences assisting with every part of the show. This gives our college students hands on experience in the field,” added Mellieon.

Winners and their home parish are listed below listed below by show category.

REGISTERED DAIRY

GRAND CHAMPION - WYATT SONNIER, CALCASIEU PARISH
RESERVE CHAMPION - KINSLEY WINDOM, ST. TAMMANY PARISH

COMMERCIAL DAIRY

GRAND CHAMPION - CAMILLE SONNIER, CALCASIEU PARISH
RESERVE CHAMPION - KYLE SONNIER, CALCASIEU PARISH

DAIRY SHOWMANSHIP

GRAND CHAMPION - WYATT SONNIER, CALCASIEU PARISH
RESERVE CHAMPION - KINSLEY WINDOM, ST. TAMMANY PARISH

BRAHMAN BULL

GRAND CHAMPION - CAPLAN YOUNG, WINN PARISH
RESERVE CHAMPION - JOHN MICHAEL PICKETT, WINN PARISH

NON BRAHMAN BULL

CHAMPION NON-BRAHMAN - SKYLAR PRIMM, CADDO PARISH

BRAHMAN HEIFERS

CHAMPION BRAHMAN - JESSE SANDEL, SABINE PARISH
RESERVE CHAMP BRAHMAN - JOHN MICHAEL PICKETT, WINN PARISH

NON BRAHMAN HEIFER

CHAMPION NON- BRAHMAN - HAILEE DAIGLE, ASCENSION PARISH
RESERVE CHAMP NON- BRAHMAN - ZABADIAH ATEs, UNION PARISH

COMMERCIAL HEIFER

GRAND CHAMPION - ASHLYN NATALI, CALCASIEU PARISH
RESERVE CHAMPION - TREVOR MCLENDON, SABINE PARISH

BEEF SHOWMANSHIP

GRAND CHAMPION - TANNER BROWNING, SABINE PARISH
RESERVE CHAMPION - BRENDEN FORD, SABINE PARISH

MARKET STEER

GRAND CHAMPION - BRADY HAYES, JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH
RESERVE CHAMPION - DESTINEE MORRIS, WEST FELICIANA PARISH

MARKET LAMB

GRAND CHAMPION - JACOB REYENGA, BOSSIER PARISH
RESERVE CHAMPION - CAROLINE DUPREE, BOSSIER PARISH

MARKET LAMB LA BRED

LA BRED CHAMPION - JACOB REYENGA, ST. MARTIN PARISH
LA BRED RESERVE CHAMPION - JOHN ADAM FONTENOT, BOSSIER PARISH

LAMB SHOWMANSHIP

GRAND CHAMPION - TANNER BROWNING, SABINE PARISH
RESERVE CHAMPION - BRENDEN FORD, SABINE PARISH

MARKET GOAT

GRAND CHAMPION - GEORGE CHAMBERS, BOSSIER PARISH
RESERVE CHAMPION - KATLYN MATHEWS, BIENVILLE PARISH

MARKET GOAT LA BRED

LA BRED CHAMPION - KATLYN MATHEWS, BIENVILLE PARISH
LA BRED RESERVE CHAMPION - LUKE PADGETT, CLAIBORNE PARISH

GOAT SHOWMANSHIP

GRAND CHAMPION - MADISON GREEN, WINN PARISH
RESERVE CHAMPION - KATLYN MATHEWS, BIENVILLE PARISH

MARKET HOG

GRAND CHAMPION - BRADY HAYES, JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH
RESERVE CHAMPION - JADA ST. PIERRE, ST. JAMES PARISH

HOG SHOWMANSHIP

GRAND CHAMPION - PALYNN FONTENOT, CAMERON PARISH
RESERVE CHAMPION - JADA ST. PIERRE, ST. JAMES PARISH

BROILER

GRAND CHAMPION - JAMIE KILE, RAPIDES PARISH
RESERVE CHAMPION - TAYLOR MARTIN, RAPIDES PARISH

BROILER PREMIER EXHIBITOR

GRAND CHAMPION - ADDISYN ROBINSON, ST. LANDRY PARISH
RESERVE CHAMPION - CEDRICK DEROUEN, EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH





Student Success Story

Antonio Jackson M.S.

Tuskegee University

College of Veterinary Medicine

Class of 2018

Here in the Department of Agricultural Sciences at Southern University A and M College, and throughout SUALGC, student success is the most important goal. Southern University's agricultural department strives to push students to achieve their goals and to make a difference in agriculture globally. Although there are many students who have achieved immense success, this student's story is unique and proves that Southern University Agricultural Department challenges and assists students in shooting for and reaching beyond the stars.

Antonio Jackson is a native of Mansfield, Louisiana where it was only normal for kids to learn basic agriculture husbandry. He was raised in a single parent household with three siblings and a mom who worked day and night to make ends meet. "I witnessed how hard my mom worked and what she had to sacrifice for us to have a decent childhood and the necessities. I then promised myself that I wouldn't let her hard work go to waste and that I would do everything I could to not have to live like we did back then."

Jackson is a 2009 graduate of Mansfield High School where he was a member of Future Farmers of America (FFA), the band, and the varsity basketball team. Upon completion of his high school curriculum Mr. Jackson was recruited to SU's College of Agricultural, Family and Consumer Sciences' Animal Science program. During his undergraduate tenure, Mr. Jackson was more than just the regular student. He arrived early for classes and sometimes stayed late and was always a phone call away whenever assistance was needed in animal science. Mr. Jackson also worked with professors and animal scientists in research labs and on research projects. He attended numerous conferences and received awards for his research presentations.

After graduation from Southern University, Mr. Jackson attended Tuskegee University where he received his Master's Degree in Animal and Poultry sciences at Tuskegee University. There, in addition to being a student he was required to teach as well. That is when he discovered his love and passion for teaching. He completed his degree in just 3 semesters and reapplied to veterinary school.

**"SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY
PREPARED ME WELL! I WENT
INTO VETERINARY SCHOOL
PREPARED AND READY TO
PROVE TO MYSELF THAT
THIS IS WHERE I BELONGED."**

“I applied to a number of veterinary programs but the only place I desired to attend was Tuskegee University! This university has such rich history, outstanding principles, and a family oriented environment. The students graduate well trained and able to work in unfavorable conditions.”

We are proud to say that presently, soon to be DOCTOR JACKSON will be graduating the veterinary school at Tuskegee University on May 5th, 2018. He will relocate to Houston, Texas, where he has accepted an Associate Veterinarian position at Cy-Fair Animal Hospital, the hospital where “The Vet Life” was created.



The Agricultural Sciences program at Southern University has produced five black veterinarians within the last two years, at least one or more PhD students, numerous Master’s degrees, and thousands of bachelor degree students. Faculty in the Agricultural Sciences department, along with others throughout the college make themselves openly available to assist with student’s needs. As this example demonstrates, we make it a personal responsibility to encourage students to pursue higher degrees of education from kindergarten all the way to Ph.D.

24th Annual Black History Quiz Bowl



The 24th Annual Black History Quiz Bowl was held on Thursday, Feb. 22 at 3 p.m. at the Southern University Ag Center. The Black History Quiz Bowl is an exciting educational event that stimulates our students. The competition covers a variety of topics, including current events, politics, history, sports and entertainment. Nine teams of Southern University students and one team of high school students from Glen Oaks High School competed in the competition.

Team Blue & Gold Mambas consisting of Kelvin Wells, Jr., Jalen John, William Waddell and Eric Thompson, Jr. won 1st place; Team Urban Roots consisting of Tevin Hamilton, Naila McCraney, Chyanna McGee, Rodney Purdy and Aaliyah Royston placed 2nd and Team Talented Tenth consisting of James Nettles, Jimilah Stith, Kendall Bands and Shannon Wilmer placed 3rd. All three teams were made up of Southern University students.

Middle School Championship



Six teams of eager middle school students from McKinley Middle Magnet, Westdale Middle School and Scotlandville Middle Pre-Engineering Academy competed in the SU Land-Grant Campus's Middle School Black History Quiz Bowl Championship Competition on Feb. 28. Earlier in the month, SU Land-Grant Campus Professor Emeritus and Black History Quiz Bowl organizer, Owusu Bandele, Ph.D., conducted Black History Quiz Bowls at the three schools. The first and second place teams from each school were invited to participate in the championship competition at the SU Ag Center.

Westdale's Wakanda Team, consisting of Kahlila Bandele; Elijah Doomes; Candi Semien; Lailah Collins and Khamerin Edmonds, took home 1st place; followed by McKinley's Imhotep Team, consisting of Justin Thompson; Michael Shin; Sean Murphy and Victoria Williams in 2nd place and Westdale's Freedom Riders Team, consisting of Micah Dunn; Caelen Broussard; Pamela Davis; Marshall Seymour and Phillip Antoine in 3rd place.

PARTNERSHIP WITH NORTH BATON ROUGE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL



Chancellor-Dean, Bobby R. Phills, Ph.D., spearheaded a meeting with members of the North Baton Rouge Development Council on February 21.

The meeting, which took place at the SU Ag Center, was held to establish the implementation of a Bayou Kitchen and community gardens in the North Baton Rouge area.

Several members of the SU Land-Grant Campus also attended the meeting and provided input on how the two organizations can work together to meet the needs of the North Baton Rouge community. We are looking forward to the positive and impactful outcomes generated from this partnership.

Center for Rural and Small Business Development Business Development Assists In Closing \$300,000 SBA Loan



On November 3, 2013 Business Development Specialist Eual Hall, assisted in preparing the application process, was presence to assist in final closing of an SBA loan for future owner, Ms. Laura Semien. City Savings Bank & Trust Co. at 400 South 5th St. in Leesville, LA 71446 is the financing institution. Ms. Semien has waited over 15 months to purchase ownership of a business that had been closed in excess of five years.

On February 26, 2018 Eual Hall, Business Development Specialist and Chris Rogers, Director of Technology Services shared in a grand opening and ribbon cutting event of the Heritage Rowe Funeral Home in Leesville, LA. Ms. Laura Semien, new owner, demonstrated and stressed that patience, faith, and humbleness, and long suffering, has great benefits and it's her time now. CRSBD staff assisted in the packaging of the \$300,000 thousand SBA loan. Ms. Semien, a double minority has plans to expand in leaps and bounds now has the opportunity to increase her service and sales capacity by 60 percent in the first 5 years.



UPCOMING EVENTS

8th Small Farmer Conference

Small farmers from throughout the state will gather at Southern University's Felton G. Clark Activity Center March 15-17 to attend the 8th annual Louisiana Small Farmer Conference.

The three-day conference, themed "Transforming and Elevating Louisiana Small Family Farms," is designed to educate, provide expanded awareness of educational opportunities, USDA programs and services and other resources to help small farmers stay in business.

To register or to reserve an exhibitor space, visit www.suagcenter.com or contact Kelli Hollins at 225.771.5782 or via e-mail at kelli_hollins@suagcenter.com.

14th Annual Procurement Conference

On March 27th, the Southern University Agricultural Land-Grant Campus's 14th Annual 'Connecting Businesses with Contracts' Procurement Conference the Felton G. Clark Activity Center.

The conference provides a venue to learn about the resources that are available through federal, state and local government agencies and major prime companies. This event is co-sponsored by the U. S. Small Business Administration; Louisiana Small Business Development Center at Southern University; Louisiana Economic Development (LED) and the Louisiana Procurement Technical Assistance Center (PTAC).

To register visit Eventbrite.com. For more information contact Eual Hall at 225.771.4105 or via e-mail at eual_hall@suagcenter.com.

Week of Land-Grant Excellence

April 9-14, 2018, the Agricultural Land-Grant Campus will celebrate a week of Excellence in Teaching, Research and Extension. There are various activities planned throughout the week that showcase our students, researchers, and extension efforts. We invite you to join with us in the celebration!

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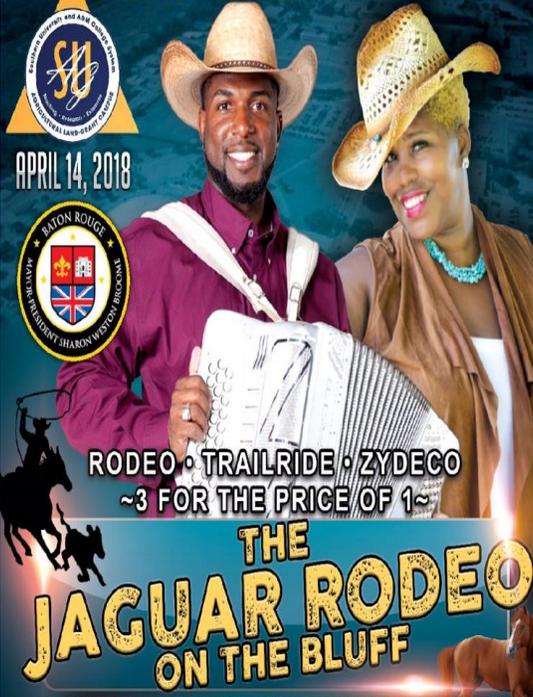
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