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Back TO School EDITION



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WELCOME BACK

It is a great joy to see the classrooms occupied and hallways busy once again, with return of students. Now that they've settled in. We look back on the eventful summer activities of SUALGC students, faculty and staff. As we continue in this 2018-2019 school year, we encourage you to participate in the many activities we have will have. From the Homecoming Alumni Round-up to the Scholarship Gala, there is plenty to get involved in. Our clubs and organizations such as MANRRS offer a series of personal and professional development opportunities as well. Visit our website to learn about what we've got planned and how you can get involved. You won't want to miss it! Come Grow With Us!



fashion.

Twenty-one young designers participated in a Fashion Camp held in Pinkie Thrift Hall from July 16-20. The camp was hosted by the Department of Apparel, Merchandising and Textiles in the SU College of Agricultural, Family and Consumer Sciences and the Nu Gamma Omega Chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. This fashion camp enabled young ladies to gain technical skills such as sewing and utilizing raw materials. Camp goers also took advantage of the 3D Image Body Scanner and other new technology the fashion industry has to offer. After spending a week with Dr's Doze Butler, Sammi Benson & Seo Jung Im, these young ladies are more than secure in their choice of career path and their love for clothing and making an impact on their culture through clothing and accessories.



BACK TO SCHOOL BASH 2018



Thousands of middle and high school students in the Baton Rouge area returned to school on August 9th. Some students returned as upperclassmen, others were entering new schools as new middle schoolers or high school freshmen. Middle and High School students face many situations that challenge a student's ability to be successful throughout the year. On August 3, 2018, the Southern University Agricultural Land-Grant Campus hosted the annual Back to School Summit featuring workshops and presentations that provided students with the knowledge and support needed to face these challenges.

Themed "Youth Empowerment and Community Stewardship" Cultivating the Next Generation of Agricultural Leaders: Plant, Grow, Nurture, Harvest, Sustain During the summit, students attended workshops on the following topics: Youth Empowerment & Community Stewardship; Active Shooter Preparedness; DIY Bike Repairs; Social Media Safety; LYFE. Overall the summit encouraged students to use the tips and tools provided to make decisions that aligned with their academic and personal goals for success.

The event was held in the Smith Brown Memorial Student Union on the campus of Southern University in Baton Rouge and featured comedian Tony King, social media influencer Raynell "Supa" Steward and City of Baton Rouge Councilwoman Chauna Banks-Daniels who served as the keynote speaker for the event.





Far Left: Gospel Artist KT Muyaka performs music from his new album.

Top: Raynell “Supa Cent” Stewart and her business manager give advice to young entrepreneurs in attendance.

Bottom Left: Students gaze over the itinerary to see the various workshops and sessions planned throughout the day.

Bottom Middle: Miss Southern Darby Smith & SGA President Anthony Kenney gives a biography and welcome of the guest speaker.

Bottom Right: Lexlee’s Kids conduct a driving simulator to show students the dangers of impaired driving.



This summer, the Southern University Ag Center, in collaboration with the LSU AgCenter, sponsored the “Creating Healthy Enjoyable Foods” (C.H.E.F.) youth cooking camps for youth. Participants were provided with materials that included an apron, chef hat, and kitchen utensils to be used throughout the camp. At the end of the camp, participants were able to keep the materials to encourage students to continue cooking at home.



creating healthy & enjoyable foods
chef camp.

C.H.E.F’s primary goal is to promote healthy eating and lifestyle choices through food and nutrition education. Participants worked in teams to prepare meals while learning to create an entire meal while learning principals and skills related to healthy eating and physical activity food preparation, kitchen and food safety and more.

Camps were held between June and July in East Baton Rouge, West Carroll, East Carroll, St. James, Caddo, Madison, Lafayette, Jefferson Davis, St. Helena, Avoyelles, Evangeline, and Morehouse Parishes.



SARDI

a summer of preparation
with **tomorrows
LEADERS**

Summer is the season for backyard broils, family vacations, camping trips, and canoe trips. It also can give families additional educational opportunities for their kids. Summer camps are offered by many intuitions and Southern University Ag Center is no different.

The Sustainable Agriculture Rural Development Institute (SARDI) in Opelousas, LA, opened their doors to thirty students to begin the first week of their annual summer camp on June 4th. The camp is led by its director, Antonio Harris who spent the first day greeting the students and parents as they walked through the doors of the SU Ag Center.

Aimed at exposing students to STEM from an interdisciplinary approach, camp classes consisted of disciplines such as mathematics, creative writing, agriculture, and science. The students completed work in graphing and multiplication, daily journals on African American inventors, projects on their favorite scientists, and fruit characteristics and traits.



St. Helena Field Day

It is often said that the youth are our future. When the youth are equipped with opportunity and exposure, the results are guaranteed to yield positive results. On June 15th, Southern University and LSU Ag Center hosted the St. Helena Parish Ag Day, held annually. About 65 youth participated in the event. The field day featured a farm tour where participants were able to learn about daily farm operations. One stop on the tour included a visit to a beautification garden at a St. Helena school. This garden was spearheaded by SUALGC to offer agricultural education to students. Community members and chaperones also received important information about farming legislation and laws that have passed or are currently in the progress. The community youth



who participated in the field day were able to see, first hand, the responsibility, and dedication that local farmers have in supplying quality food to the citizens of Louisiana. With SUALGC and its Extension Agents on the forefront of educating the next generation of Ag professionals, great things lie ahead!



Defined by the US Department of Agriculture as, limited or uncertain availability of and access to nutritionally adequate foods, food insecurity affects people from around the country and from all walks of life. According to research conducted by Feeding America, 1 in 6 people in Louisiana is food insecure. There are over 79,000 food insecure people in East Baton Rouge Parish alone. Food deserts - low-income areas of the population with limited access to fresh food - are a major contributor to food insecurity. To fight against this, communities are turning to Urban Agriculture.

Urban Agriculture is the production and distribution of food in urban areas. Southern University Cooperative Extension offers a free course on Sustainable Urban Agriculture for those



who are interested in building and maintaining urban farms. The 12-week, hands-on certification program covers topics such as Water Harvesting, Irrigation, and Composting; Small Scale Agriculture; Animal Husbandry: Poultry, Bees and Worms; Vertical Farming, and Hydroponics. The ultimate goal of the program is to create healthier communities with increased access to nutritious food.

The Southern University Agricultural Land-Grant Campus has partnered with Tyrone Leggett, Owner of the Save-A-Lot grocery store in the Brownsfield neighborhood of North Baton Rouge. Mr. Leggett, a former cornerback for the New Orleans Saints, opened the store to help provide fresh, affordable food to the area. SU Extension Agents host educational demonstrations at the store to bring awareness to the community about the nutritious food options available.



**Sustainable Urban Agricultural students pose after successfully completing the program and earning their certificates.*

Programs and partnerships like these are essential to fight against food insecurity and hunger in Louisiana. Currently, sessions are being held in Baker, LA. For more information, visit www.suagcenter.com.

Odis Hill.

Upon arriving at Hill Farms in Bonita, LA on July 27, 2018, one could not help but notice the bright green shirts dotted that read "Hill's Farm" around the gathering area. A closer look at the shirt revealed in the crowd, an energetic man with a hat and bullhorn could be seen moving about from person to person, giving directions, shaking hands or simply nodding with a smile in acknowledgment of guests as they were arriving. That man is Mr. Odis Hill. Mr. Hill is an extension agent with Southern University Ag Center.

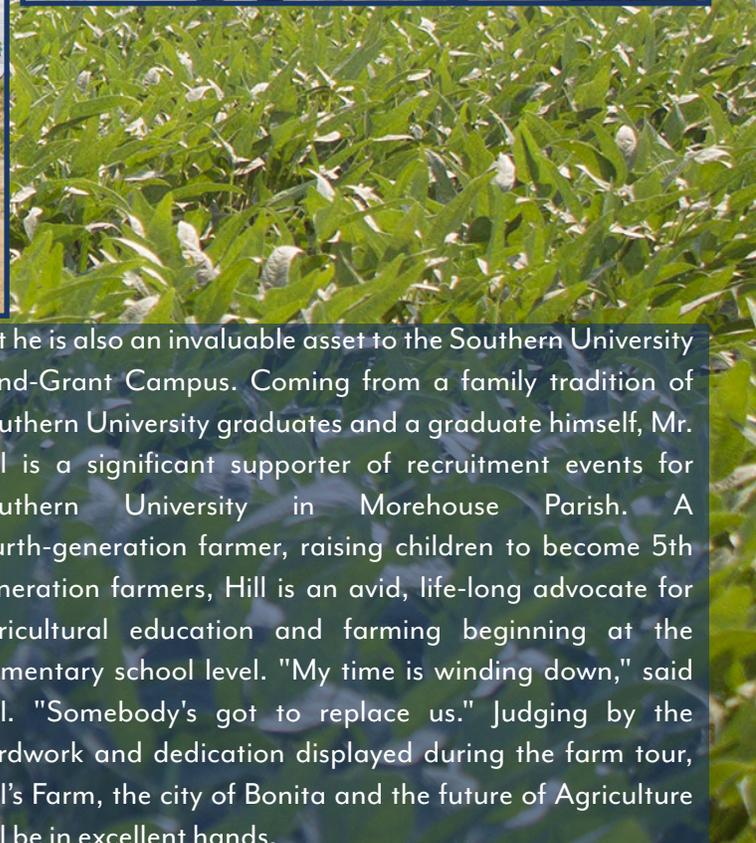
ALUMNI & SUAGLC
EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



FAITH

*farm*ing

& FAMILY



The tour which was co-hosted by SU Ag Center, LSU Ag Center, Hill's Farm and the Morehouse Parish Black Farmers and Landowners Association is in its 17th year. Farmers from states such as Mississippi, Arkansas, and Virginia, assembled to take advantage of the information crop varieties, government programs, farm technology and networking opportunities with other farmers. Mr. Hill emphasized how important it is for farmers to collaborate on the farming practices they're incorporating on their respective farms. He also emphasized how this tour aims to promote youth in Agriculture. Mr. Hill is a fixture in the Morehouse Parish community. He is an invaluable asset to area small farmers

but he is also an invaluable asset to the Southern University Land-Grant Campus. Coming from a family tradition of Southern University graduates and a graduate himself, Mr. Hill is a significant supporter of recruitment events for Southern University in Morehouse Parish. A fourth-generation farmer, raising children to become 5th generation farmers, Hill is an avid, life-long advocate for agricultural education and farming beginning at the elementary school level. "My time is winding down," said Hill. "Somebody's got to replace us." Judging by the hardwork and dedication displayed during the farm tour, Hill's Farm, the city of Bonita and the future of Agriculture will be in excellent hands.

Oh The Places

“quote will go here”

Keandrys Dalton
Agricultural Sciences Major
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
-learned Portuguese
-Service learning
sponsored by SUALGC International Study Award

Symphony Foster
Agricultural Sciences Major
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
-learned Portuguese
-Service learning
sponsored by Dolores Margaret Richard Spikes
Honors College



You'll Go!



“quote will go here”

SUAGLC students spend summer as

INTERNS

Malik Allen

Company Bunge North America

Title: Intern Manager Trainee

Duties Operations and Marketing

"The roles I have taken while at southern have enhanced my leadership qualities in the workplace. I've learned first-hand that some people don't want you to succeed but you have to keep moving forward and I will definitely communicate this to students in the future."

Tamara Brown

Title: Forest Technician

Something that I learned at SU that has been beneficial here is resilience. Southern taught me to always give 110 percent in every aspect of life no matter what obstacles are thrown my way."

Sarah Dixon

Title: Soil Conservationist Aid (Student Intern) in Oak Grove, La

"What I have learned as an intern is to have an open mind when it comes to natural resources. As a student, having an open mind while pursuing a career in Agriculture will only bring about endless knowledge and discoveries."

Jordan Donald

Winfield United/Land O'Lakes

Title: Product and development/Research Intern

"I've learned to overcome adversity at Su, they taught me how to deal with being the only person of color in an environment. They also taught to stand out on that said environment.

I experienced working on something I knew nothing and eventually figuring out how to complete the job in the most efficient way."

Cornelius Jackson

Title BREC Tree Crew

My Title: Tree Maintenance Tech Intern

"With this experience, it will also help me throughout my educational journey ... Also in my Urban Forestry classes that hands-on experience will help in the classroom because it will help me to understand more when having discussions based on the tree maintenance process."

Irene Lewis

USDA-NRCS in Rock Island, IL

Title: Soil Conservationist Student Trainee

"Southern University has not only taught me technical knowledge such as the importance of conservation, how to classify soils and use Web Soil Survey, but I have learned career skills such as networking, speaking with farmers, and key communication skills. SU has taught me to be confident in my skills and what I can bring to the table and to look for opportunities where I can add to the agency."

Chyanna McGee

USDA Pathways

Title: Soil Conservationist intern

"I have learned that internships are all about practical, hands-on experience. I will use those practical skills I acquired and apply them to the theories I learn in class to better understand concepts I may have previously considered too abstract to grasp. I also learned to use the communication skills I obtained in my internship to better connect with your classmates and professors."

Asija Rice

LSU Hammond Research Station

I am an intern research assistantSomething that I learned from Southern that has become beneficial to my role in my workplace is dependability and multi-tasking. I have experienced how to conduct my own research, collect data, and improve my analytic ability which enables me to perfect my educational goals.

When it comes to landing a job, an internship is far and away the most valuable extra-curricular to have on your resume. According to 2010 Boston University survey and 2008 NACE survey:

Benefits for New Grads with Intern Experience

Study, Collegiate Assessment, BU Senior Survey, Stanford University,

Studies show that students who have internship experience are more likely to get a job and with higher pay, than those students who don't. In the College of Agricultural, Family and Consumer Sciences, Students are encouraged to pursue several summer internships with federal and state agencies as well as private industry over the course of their academic career. Students are also required to complete at least one internship prior to graduation. This summer over 20 College of Agricultural, Family and Consumer Sciences students set out on internships across the country. They returned enriched with new knowledge and skills gained during their internships. Here is a look at their experiences.

Macy Ceasar

Intern Wild horse Sanctuary in Shingletown California.
 "Here at the Sanctuary I have learned how to handle and work with all types of horses which is a valuable lesson due to the fact that I will become a veterinarian. You never know how the animal that you will be working with will react."

Jordan Davis

Title: Trimmer / Groundsman / PHC (Plant Health Care) Assistant in Houston, TX
 "My courses at SU have prepared me to fully identify trees and located tension points that I can use to care for these trees in an urban area. My main goal will be to increase my ability to identify trees because more trees are located than just the few I know become strong in tree identification can become very helpful in the workplace."

Bria Harris

Company USDA NRCS in Vernon, TX
 Title: Student Trainee General Engineering
 "I have learned so much, but the key thing I have learned is to always be able to have fun with what you're doing. Don't allow your career to be something you do just for a paycheck."

Khailen Hoard

Company NASS in Little Rock Arkansas
 Title: Student Trainee Ag Statistician with.
 "NASS has brought me out of my comfort zone which has been a struggle of mine, I hope that this prepares me to excel and broaden my college experience and career."

D'Michael Lucas

Title: Groundsman/PHC assistant in Houston, TX
 "In school, the tree management course I've taken really helped me out with knowing how to assess a tree and what to look for. I can bring back the proper ways to prune trees, how to do a root barrier, how to do proper tree assessments, work on starting a climbing club to help with future students that want to do the same type of work and prepare myself to take the PHC and Arborist test to become officially certified."

Naila McCraney

NRCS in San Antonio, TX
 My title is Student Trainee with
 "At SU, I learned about the classification of soils, how to use Web Soil Survey, forms of irrigation, and animal breeds. These were topics that were discussed the majority of the summer so it helped to have the background knowledge and focus on the minor details in concern to my zone area. While in Texas, I have learned self-motivation in regards to self-learning and I believe that will push me to go the extra mile when working towards my educational goals."

Asia Rubin

USDA APHIS in Oklahoma City, Ok
 Program Assistant
 "Upon my return back to Southern University I plan on bringing back more information to the Agriculture Science Department about the many aspects of exporting animals overseas and how the USDA plays a vital role in that. Also informing students of the endless job opportunities within the USDA especially AHIS."

Asia Sais

Title: Pathways Student Trainee
 "Southern University has helped me to not only secure an internship but to be a productive and valuable part of a team that's led to eligibility to convert to full-time employment after graduation."



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