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Lake Charles Chapter
PO Box 636
Lake Charles, LA 70602
-Since 1954-

2022-2024 Leadership Team

OFFICERS

2020 - 2022

- Alice Wallace
President
- Walter Guidry
Vice President
- Lydia Aboagye
Recording Secretary
- Joyce Alexander
Financial Secretary
- Frank Jefferson
Treasurer
- LaKoshia Roberts
Parliamentarian
- Chester Senegal
Chaplain
- Yvonne Manning-Smith
Sergeant-At-Arms
- Claudia Jacobs Williams
Historian



Seated L-R: Jamal Bell, Vice-President; Alice Wallace, President; Claudia Williams, Historian
Back Row L-R: Eric Fry, Sergeant-At-Arms; Lydia Aboagye, Recording Secretary;
 Dr. Loretta Spruel, Financial Secretary; and Chester Senegal, Chaplain.
Not pictured: La Koshia Roberts, Parliamentarian.

Mission Statement: The Federation’s mission is to support the goals and objectives of the University through recruitment, financial support, public relations, community outreach, talent, loyalty, dedication and commitment to the highest standards.



Message from the President

Greetings Lake Charles SU Alumni,

As we come to the end of this fiscal year and end of my first term, let me thank all of you for your hard work and support. I pray that the work we have done these past two years helping to support our area students and Southern and be of service in our community has been beneficial to you as well. Together we can continue to achieve great things in service and support by working together.

Thank you to the outgoing members of the 2020-2022 leadership team. As you leave your office, I am confident the chapter can still count on your support and work. Our retiring officers, Walter Guidry, Joyce Alexander and Yvonne Manning-Smith. Let's thank them for their service during their term of office. Thanks to the officers continuing for another term with me. Thank you to Chester Senegal, Frank Jefferson, Claudia Williams, Lydia Aboagye and La Koshia Roberts for your service and continuing in service. Let us extend a welcome to the new members of your leadership team, Jamal Bell, Loretta Spruel and Eric Fry.

As we close this fiscal year, thanks for your support of the chapter activities. We had a great Academic Signing Day with the Federation. Locally, we had 13 students participating and supported by their families. We were invited and able to attend and participate in LaGrange High School, Lake Charles College Prep and Hamilton Christian Academy academic signing day and their Senior Awards day programs. Our 2022-2023 scholarship was also presented to a student at LaGrange Senior High School. We also supported and I was able to meet LaGrange High School University students as they traveled to tour Southern in May. We still need to reach out to our future Fall 2022 Jags as well as our upper-class Jags. Please consider serving as a mentor to our area students. Thanks to Cynthia Weeks for her contact enabling us to have former coach Pete Richardson join us in our June Meeting. Coach Richardson is asking us to help increase support and attendance for this year's Bayou Classic. This is the 50th year for the Bayou Classic. Thanks to Ellaweena Woods for volunteering to host members for an end of the year Crawfish boil.

Finally, again a big THANK YOU to all for your support of our chapter, Southern University and our local area students.

Be safe and be blessed and Go Jags,

Alice Wallace



Meet

*Derriona
Glodd*

2022 Scholarship Recipient

Derriona Glodd is a 2022 Honor Graduate from LaGrange Senior High School. She has a 3.92 GPA/20 ACT and ranks 14th in her class of 157. Active in school activities, she served as Captain of the majorette team, bookkeeper for Future Business Leaders of America, member of the National Honor Society, Art Club, Podcast Club and Gear Up. Community volunteer projects such as the Re-Up Movement, Foster Home Recruitment and the Annual Adoption Celebration were all dear to her heart.

Upon attending Southern University, she plans to pursue a Bachelors degree in Sociology and a Masters in Psychology. Her goal is to help teenagers learn to cope with mental health issues as it correlates to growing up, school, love, family issues, peer pressure, and navigating social media.

Welcome to the Jaguar Nation!

SOUTHERN FOUNDATION

TrueBLUE



Meet

Leah Orphey

Nursing Student

2022 Lake Charles Chapter
Non-Endowed Scholarship
Recipient



to **Alice Faye Danclar**, recipient of the **Delta of the Year Award** from the Lake Charles Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta , Inc.



to **Ellaweena G. Woods**, the 2022 recipient of the Zeta Psi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc's **Ruby Ellis Community Service Award**



to Attorney, **LaKoshia Roberts**, elected **Chairman of the Louisiana Board of Ethics and Supervisory Committee for Campaign Finance**. She was **reappointed** to the board for a second term by the Louisiana House of Representatives on Feb. 8th.



to **Tamika Holliday**, initiated into the **Beta Kappa Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.**



to **Gwendolyn Semien...Happy Retirement.** Thirty-three years at the Calcasieu Parish Tax Assessor's Office. .

2022 recipient of **NAUW's** (National Association of University Women) Lake Charles Branch's **Woman of the Year Award.**



to **Jamal Bell** , initiated into **Zeta Psi Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.**



to members, **Walter and Wanda Guidry**, as they celebrated **56 years of marriage** on April 30th.



to **Reginald Weeks**, **Founder and CEO of Commitment to Change**, a multi-faceted non-profit organization serving as a bridge between needed resources and the community.

Reginald was also recently sworn in as a **Commissioner** with **Lake Charles Planning and Zoning Commission**. Oath was administered by SULC Alum, Judge Derrick Kee. In addition, he also serves as a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) volunteer.



to **Claudia Williams** and **Joseph Charles** who were recognized by **Southwest Louisiana Civilian Corps** for their invaluable contribution as resources for the organization.



to **Lydia Aboagye**, 2022 National Association of University Women (NAUW), “**Woman of the Year**” for NAUW Southwest Sectional Branch.

10 THINGS THAT REQUIRE ZERO TALENT

- Being On Time
- Making An Effort
- Being High Energy
- Having A Positive Attitude
- Being Passionate
- Using Good Body Language
- Being Coachable
- Doing A Little Extra
- Being Prepared
- Having A Strong Work Ethic

7 RULES OF LIFE

- 1. SMILE**
IT ALWAYS WORKS OUT IN THE END!
- 2. BE KIND**
YOU HAVE THE POWER TO MAKE PEOPLE FEEL GOOD!
- 3. DON'T GIVE UP**
IF IT DOESN'T WORK THE FIRST TIME, FIND ANOTHER WAY!
- 4. DON'T COMPARE**
EVERYONE'S ON A DIFFERENT JOURNEY!
- 5. AVOID NEGATIVITY**
AVOID NEGATIVE THOUGHTS, SITUATIONS & PEOPLE!
- 6. MAKE PEACE WITH YOUR PAST**
FOCUS ON BEING PRESENT & CREATING A BETTER FUTURE!
- 7. TAKE CARE OF YOUR BODY & MIND**
ONE STRUGGLES TO SURVIVE WITHOUT THE OTHER!



LENDING A HELPING HAND



It's
what
we
do!



Reginald Weeks volunteering at Abraham's Tent preparing food to feed the homeless and those whose food resources are depleted.



Ellaweena Woods volunteering with Home Health 2000, MLK Festival, and the Black Heritage Festival.



Claudia Williams volunteering with the Ward 3 Marshal's Office preparing lunches for Senior Citizens...hair net and all.



President Alice Wallace volunteering at the Hope Center where they feed and clothe the community. She has been volunteering there on a daily basis since Hurricane Laura in 2020.



Alice Wallace (center) and **Loretta Spruel** (right) presented a monetary donation to the Lake Charles Senior Center's Coordinator, Ms. Sheila Evans (left), for their Denim and Pearls - Aging Your Way" event.

"Nothing is as strong as the HEART of a volunteer!"

-Doolittle

Take me out to the ball game!



March 30, 2022

McNeese - 9

Southern - 7



High School College Signing Days



LaGrange High School



Lake Charles College Prep





Getting on the Jag Train!

**Southern University
And A & M College
Bound**

Official "Jaguar" Academic Signing Day!

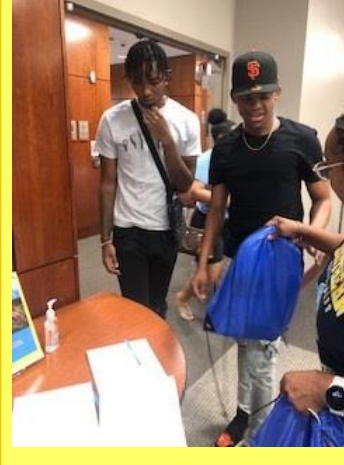
SUNO **SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY** **SUSLA**
AND AGRICULTURAL & MECHANICAL COLLEGE

You Don't Want to Miss This!

*Come get your Jag Swag kit,
Pre-enrollment information and refreshments*

RSVP by Tuesday, April 26 to: amww5lp2su@aol.com / 337-515-6960

April 30, 2022 at 11:00am—1pm
SEED Center
4310 Ryan Street
(behind McDonalds)
hosted by
Southern University Alumni Federation
and
Lake Charles Chapter of SUAF



"Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today."
-Malcom X



Spring Preview Day



LaGrange University

LaGrange High School

Lake Charles, LA

May 18, 2022



Escorted by Chapter President, Alice Wallace

OPEN for BUSINESS



Jamal Bell, CEO

Jamal is the CEO of Lake LifeStyle 360, a 360° Photobooth experience that literally revolves around you. Lake LifeStyle 360 caters to the client with custom overlays, custom props and set up tailored to your event. We bring that extra topping to your party that makes it that much more special. A one-of-a-kind experience with our Lake LifeStyle 360 agents including live viewing, instant sharing, full gallery view for host, set up and break down is included. Lake LifeStyle 360... an experience for a moment, and a souvenir that will last a lifetime.

Jamal is a 2014 graduate of Southern University where he majored in Sociology, and a Spring '22 initiate of Zeta Psi Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc..

Book Today!
Lake LifeStyle 360
337-438-6663

Let's Support Our Jags!



Jags in the Kitchen



SANGRIA

(Non-alcoholic)

INGREDIENTS

- Fresh lemon slices
- Fresh lime slices
- Fresh orange slices
- Cranberries
- 2 cups cranberry juice
- 2 cups grape juice
- 1 cup orange juice
- 1/2 cup lemon juice

4 cups San Pellegrino sparkling mineral water OR lemon-lime soda.



INSTRUCTIONS

1. In a large pitcher, add the lemon slices, lime slices, orange slices, and cranberries. Add cranberry juice, grape juice, orange juice and lemon juice. Stir well.

2. Refrigerate until ready to use.

Just before serving, add the sparkling mineral water or lemon-lime soda. Mix well.



Claudia Williams



[Lake Charles Chapter - Southern University Alumni Non-Endowed Scholarship](#)

Braggin' Rights



Congratulations to Alexia Herrin for receiving the **Top Jag Resilience Award**. Alexia was awarded over \$35k in scholarships and donations over the past year and currently has a 3.7 GPA as a freshman at Southern University. Alexia is the Lake Charles Chapter's 2021 scholarship recipient. Alexia is the Mentee of member Desiree Bellard.

Source: Niles Haymer



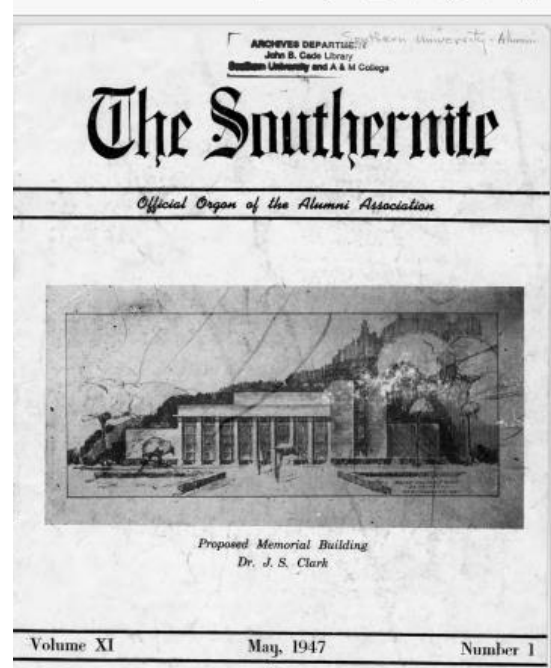
[Georgetown Forms 5-Year Partnership with the Southern University System](#)

Cybersecurity centers coming to 6 Black colleges

Six historically Black universities in five Southern states will be getting the first IBM cybersecurity centers aimed at training underrepresented communities, the company said.

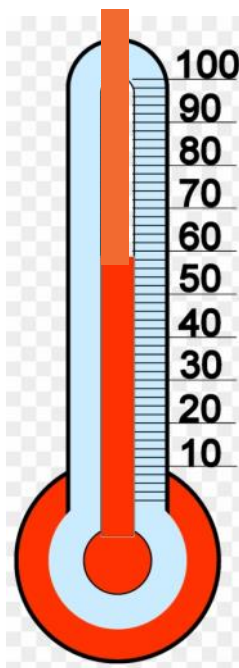
The schools are Xavier University of Louisiana, **Southern University System**, North Carolina A&T, South Carolina State, Clark Atlanta and Morgan State universities, according to a news release Tuesday.

Back in the Day



Source: John B. Cade Library

Membership Goal



Goal 100

Members-to-Date
2021-2022 Fiscal year

109

and the Guest Speaker was...
Legendary Coach, Pete Richardson!



Coach Richardson, along with his Business Manager and Special Assistant Blaine Grimes, joined us at our last chapter meeting of the fiscal year while on their national tour promoting the Bayou Classic.



L-R: Cynthia Weeks, Coach Richardson, and Alice Wallace



L-R: Ellawena Woods, Coach Richardson, and Claudia Williams



Cynthia Weeks and Blaine Grimes



L-R: Walter Guidry, Eric Fry, Pete Richardson, and Donald Piper



A few of our chapter members



Coach Pete Richardson

Lagniappe



Attorney Todd Clemons was recently inducted into the Southern University Law Center Hall of Fame along with several other alumni, including his late sister M. Joy Clemons. The inductees were inducted into the Hall of Fame at the Alumni Hall of Fame Gala hosted by the law center in Baton Rouge, Louisiana on Saturday, April 9, 2022.

The Southern University Law Center Hall of Fame is meant to recognize distinguished alumni for their accomplishments and exemplary work in the legal field. Attorney Clemons is most deserving of such recognition, and we are so proud of him. Please join us in congratulating him for this great accomplishment!

The Office of Career Services

at [#SouthernUniversity](#) recently partnered with social media screening service, [Filtari](#), to assist students with “cleaning up” their social media profiles before applying for employment.

Southern is the first historically Black university in the U.S. to enter into this partnership, taking an active approach in helping students to present a professional look online.



[Former Southern Great Rodney Milburn To Be Inducted to USTFCCA Collegiate Athlete Hall of Fame](#)



**Russell J. Ledet,
MD., Ph.D., MBA**

[Lake Charles Native - SU Grad](#)
(Facebook)

Russell Theresnodoubtlllmakeit Ledet

- Former Cryptologic Technician at United States Navy
- Studied Strategic Leadership at Tulane University - Freeman School of Business
- Studied at Tulane Medical Center
- Studied Molecular Oncology and Tumor Immunology at NYU Medical School
- Studied Chemistry at Southern University and A&M College - Baton Rouge, LA
- Went to Lake Charles / Boston High
- Lives in New Orleans, Louisiana
- From Lake Charles, Louisiana
- Married

SOUTHERN FOUNDATION



The [Million Dollar March](#) is a viral and direct mail volunteer-led fundraising campaign that endeavors to encourage alumni and friends to join together and secure philanthropic contributions for the campuses and departments of the Southern University and A&M College System. There are more than 300 captains leading the march for the 2021 campaign.

The Million Dollar March will officially kick-off on June 1st with a Kickoff Zoom Conference on July 1st. Fundraising efforts end with a system-wide call day coined #SUGiveDay scheduled for August 31, 2022.

2022 Southern University Alumni Federation National Conference



Stay tuned for registration, agenda, and lodging information.

Southern U. Alma Mater

O Southern, Dear Southern, Thy praises we shall sing,
Until all the heavens and echoes loudly ring.
The winds and the sky as they pass us by
Will Adoration bring.

O Southern, Dear Southern, We owe our all to Thee,
In downfall or vict'ry, We'll always loyal be.
Thy Sons and Daughters as they work,
Will be inspired by Thee.

O Southern, Dear Southern, Thy name will ever be,
As mighty as the rivers that flow on to the sea,
As pure and true as the Gold and Blue,
That stand out bold for Thee.

(Original Words and Music by R.E. Brown, Jr.)

Southern U. Fight Song

Southern University,
Defenders of the gold and blue
We will always loyal be
And raise a cheer for you.
All for one and one for all
We've got the will to win for thee
And We'll fight, fight, fight
Til we win the victory.

(Huel Perkins, 1951)

Source: GoJagsSports.com

I'm So Glad

I'm so glad, I go to Southern U.
I'm so glad, I go to Southern U.
I'm so glad, I go to Southern U.
Singing glory hallelujah, I go to
Southern U.

Southern Spirit

Give me that old Southern Spirit
Give me that old Southern Spirit
Give me that old Southern Spirit
Its good enough for me

Alumni Pledge

I _____,
an alumnus of Southern University, do hereby pledge allegiance to the Southern University Alumni Federation, and to the great and honored institution which it represents. I promise to remain loyal, faithful, and steadfast in my support of its programs, uplift of its principles, maintenance of its tradition, and defense of its honor.

I further promise to always stand ready to contribute my time, efforts, financial assistance, and services toward the advancement of the welfare of the Southern University Alumni Federation and my beloved Alma Mater, so help me God.

Renew Membership Now!!!

We are now accepting local chapter dues for the 2022 - 2023 fiscal year.

Dues are **\$50** and due by June 30th. Dues can be paid one of the following ways:

Zelle to...sulakecharleschapter@gmail.com

-Or-

Mail to: Southern University Alumni Federation
PO Box 636
Lake Charles, LA 70602

Make checks payable to ...SU Alum Fed LC Chapter

-Or-

Pay at July 5th chapter meeting

No CASH please!

SU Alumni Chapter

Submit Newsletter Content

If you...

- Own a business
- Have a recipe you would like to share
- Volunteered in the community
- Received an award or recognition
- Have information that benefits the chapter
- Have information on the death of an Alum
- Have comments/suggestions

Please email that information to me at cjwilliams21@msn.com

In Subject line put **Newsletter**

Note: This is a quarterly publication. Deadline to submit information for next publication (3Q) is Sep 10, 2022.



- [SUAF 2nd NATIONAL LEADERSHIP ACADEMY](#)
- 2022 - 2023 Membership dues due by June 30th
- National Alumni Federation Conference - July 28 - 31, SUBR
- 2022 High School Freshman Send-Off -July 31st
- [National Battle of the Bands](#) - August 27th - Houston
- [SU Football Schedule](#) - Sep 3rd
- HBCU Week - LC Chapter - Sep 19 - 25
- [2022 National HBCU Conference](#) - Sept. 20 -23, 2022 - Washington, DC



Helping to build a stronger university through a stronger alumni

Zelle
Send to: sulakecharleschapter@gmail.com

Southern University Alumni–Lake Charles Chapter
(Like, Share, and Invite)

All chapter meetings are currently face-to-face at Huber Park Community Center, 14th St. at 5th Ave.
1st Tuesdays at 5:30 pm

Download the GroupMe App to receive important text messages from the Chapter.

[View previous editions of newsletter!](#)