

CHANCELLOR'S REPORT



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ROUND TABLE DISCUSSIONS EXPOSED THE INNER WORKINGS OF THE SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY AT SULC 2023 NEXUS



Southern University Law Center's Office of Innovation and Strategic Partnerships and Initiatives hosted the 2023 Nexus, formally known as the Sports and Entertainment Symposium.

The goal of SULC Nexus was to provide a space for thought-provoking round table discussions about the sports and entertainment industry while sparking contemporary ideas among like-minded professionals.

Professionals immersed themselves in panel discussions on television and film contracts, music publishing in the digital market, composing a "dream team", and more. Industry experts and thought leaders, such as Afi Patterson,

production attorney for Fox Television Stations; Nalinya Davis, vice president head of casting affairs for Paramount Pictures; Donald Woodard, founding partner for Carter Woodard; Uwonda S. Carter, founding partner and transactional attorney for Carter Woodard, and others engaged in conversations surrounding their respective fields and how they are welcoming the new shifts in the industry.

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER RECEIVES A \$250K GRANT TO SUPPORT THE LOUISIANA JUVENILE JUSTICE REFORM ACT IMPLEMENTATION COMMISSION

The Southern University Law Center's Louis A. Berry Institute of Civil Rights and Justice was awarded a \$250,000 grant to support the Louisiana Juvenile Justice Reform Act Implementation Commission. With this award from the Office of

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Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, the Institute will assist the JJRAIC in its efforts to significantly improve the juvenile justice system in Louisiana and reduce the risks to youths' physical and emotional safety while they are being served by juvenile justice and child welfare agencies in the state.

OJJDP Administrator Liz Ryan announced the award at a grantee kick-off meeting held at the Louisiana State Capitol alongside Chancellor John Pierre; Senator Royce Duplessis, chair of the JJRAIC; and Gina Womack, its vice chair of the JJRAIC. With resources from OJJDP, SULC will focus on building the capacity of the JJRAIC and its members, so that the commission can effectively carry out its mission to ensure youth in Louisiana are served in their communities and, if secure custody is necessary, are served in environments that are safe, equitable and restorative.

Since its inception in 1947, SULC has established itself as an innovative regional and national leader in legal education. As an HBCU institution with deep ties to civil rights activism and a legacy of commitment to social and racial justice, the institution is uniquely positioned to advance Louisiana's juvenile justice reform efforts.

To build the JJRAIC's capacity, the Institute will assist in the development of strategic short- and long-term juvenile justice reform stabilization and sustainability planning; assist in securing and analyzing viable data that the JJRAIC can use to invest in resources that sustain juvenile justice best practices in Louisiana's various juvenile justice serving entities; hire and oversee staff to provide day-to-day administrative support and infrastructure for JJRAIC; conduct community outreach; provide convening spaces; and support and provide training and clinics to recruit, train and re-train staff on trauma-informed juvenile justice care and programming.

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SULC PARTNERED WITH TUNICA BILOXI TRIBE TO HOST ANNUAL RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SUMMIT

Southern University Law Center, in partnership with the Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana and Southern University College of Business, hosted the second annual Louisiana Rural and Economic (LaRuE) Development Summit. LaRuE keynote speakers and panelists included business executives, industry experts, state and local elected officials and candidates for political office.

The summit discussed economic development in rural communities by connecting business owners with local, state, and national leaders who are committed to improving economic opportunities in Louisiana's rural communities.

LaRuE kicked off with a health and wellness fair. Health, financial, and economic vendors were on-site at the Mari Showroom to provide information and awareness to attendees. The Southern University Human Jukebox also provided entertainment throughout the afternoon.



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CHANCELLOR, LAW CENTER RECEIVE AWARDS FROM NATIONAL HBCU PRE-LAW SUMMIT

The National HBCU Pre-Law Summit recognized Chancellor John Pierre and Southern University Law Center for its advocacy of legal and higher education. Chancellor Pierre received the Commitment to the Cause Award, and the institution was recognized as a HBCU Legal Legacy Awardee.

The National HBCU Pre-Law Summit is the nation's only major national pre-law event created especially for HBCU students and alumni interested in law school and becoming lawyers.

STUDENT EVENTS

SULC SHINES AT THURGOOD MARSHALL COLLEGE FUND LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

In September, SULC was represented at the Thurgood Marshall College Fund Leadership Institute in Washington, D.C. Students attended fireside chats with judges and attorneys, toured capitol buildings, interviewed with federal and nonprofit companies, and attended the annual Institute gala.

Alexandria Bigham, Arielle Bishop, Ashley Dertes, Garanique Steward, Jaylon Denkins, and Xavier Flavien represented the great institution well.



STUDENT FEATURES

ELEAZAR CRAIG



Eleazar Craig received a summer 2024 associate position at Husch Blackwell Law Firm.

JAYLON DENKINS



Law Center student Jaylon Denkins accepted a full-time offer to return to Groom Law Group as an associate upon graduation.

ALUMNI FEATURES

IMANI WILLIAMS



Law Center alumna Imani Williams joined Lesser, Lesser, Landy & Smith an associate attorney.

RASHID YOUNG



Rashid Young was elected as Louisiana State Representative-elect for District 11.

MARCUS BROWN



Alumnus Marcus Brown was named chair of the New Orleans Super Bowl 59 host committee.

FLOYD MUNN



Alumnus Floyd Munn joined the Metropolitan Nashville Airport Authority as the Director of Business Diversity Development.

ALUMNI FEATURES

EBONI MORRIS



Law Center alumna Eboni Morris started a new position as associate attorney at Foley & Mansfield P in the New Orleans office.

VIKY McDONALD



Viky McDonald was appointed to the Hispanic National Bar Association Law Student Division.

KENNEDY ROSE



Kennedy Rose was appointed to the DRI Young Lawyers Steering Committee.

STACY PORCHÉ



Stacy Porché joined Fennemore Law as an associate attorney.

PATRICIA BRANDT



Patricia Brandt was named Partner at Spitz Law Firm.

SHANITA L PETTAWAY



Dr. Shanita Pettaway was selected as a member of the Editorial Board for the International Journal of Law and Public Administration.

ALUMNI FEATURES

KENDALL THOMAS



Kendall Thomas was elected as the Southern Regional Director of the National Black Prosecutors Association.

CLAIRE FONTENOT

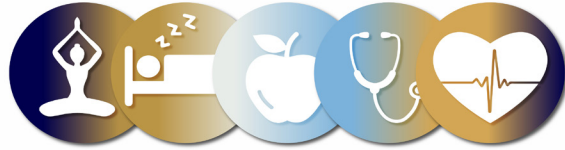


Claire Babineaux-Fontenot was honored as University of Louisiana at Lafayette's 2023 Outstanding Alumni.

CURRENT & FUTURE EVENTS

OCT | 26TH

SULC HEALTH AWARENESS EVENT



GOALDEN LIVING

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26TH

4:30 P.M. - 7 P.M.

SMITH-BROWN STUDENT UNION BALLROOM



MAR | 14TH - 15TH



ESPORTS SUMMIT

2024

MARCH 14-15, 2024

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