

CHANCELLOR'S REPORT



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MARCH 2025

INSIDE STORY

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER AND RIVER PARISHES COMMUNITY COLLEGE HOST EXPUNGEMENT EVENT TO REMOVE BARRIERS FOR RESIDENTS



River Parishes Community College (RPCC) and the Southern University Law Center (SULC) joined forces on to host an impactful expungement event at RPCC's Reserve Campus, providing individuals with the opportunity to clear eligible criminal records. The event, which served more than 200 community members, aimed to break down barriers to employment, housing, and education, paving the way for brighter futures.

Attendees received free legal assistance from SULC's expert team, ensuring they understood the expungement process and their eligibility. In addition to legal services, Ochsner Health provided health screenings, and RPCC representatives were on-site to guide individuals through workforce training opportunities, financial aid options, and high school equivalency programs.

The event highlighted the critical role of collaboration in removing barriers for individuals looking to improve their lives. By addressing both legal and educational needs, RPCC and SULC continue to support the community in meaningful ways.

SULC STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN RISE'S FIFTH ANNUAL SUPER BOWL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Several Southern University Law Center (SULC) students participated in RISE's fifth annual Super Bowl Leadership Program, held in the lead-up to Super Bowl LIX. For the first time, RISE engaged youth and college students in two separate leadership programs, which later culminated in joint programming in February 2025.

Starting in late 2024 and continuing through Super Bowl week, these programs empowered selected youth and college leaders from the New Orleans area to develop actionable solutions for reducing racial inequities and injustices in their communities. Participants attended leadership sessions designed to teach them how to become effective changemakers.



During this time, the cohort formed groups based on projects they were passionate about. SULC students developed "The Civic Playbook," a project aimed at leveraging the influence of college and professional athletes in Louisiana to promote civic engagement, increase voter turnout, and address the impact of sports scheduling on voting days. The program concluded with students presenting their proposals to business executives.

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ALVIN WASHINGTON NAMED CHANCELLOR OF SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER



The Southern University System Board of Supervisors has named Alvin R. Washington as the chancellor of Southern University Law Center.

The Board's approval comes at the recommendation of Southern University System President Dennis J. Shields, who appointed a search committee composed of Southern alumni, students, faculty and staff, and community leaders. The committee received applications from a national search firm.

Washington is the managing professor for the Law Center's Mediation Clinic. He also serves as a faculty member, teaching courses such as legal research, statutory analysis, alternate dispute resolution, and legal negotiations. Throughout his career, Washington has held community-focused roles, demonstrating expertise in insurance and civil rights.

Washington received his B.S. degree from Grambling State University in 1983 and his J.D. from Southern University Law Center in 1987. While stationed in Long Beach, California,

he served as a military trial lawyer and department head for the claims division in the United States Navy. He was also appointed as a special assistant to the United States Attorney General for the Central District of California.

After completing his tour of duty, Washington returned to Louisiana, where he worked as an assistant attorney general handling general liability, road hazards, and civil rights cases. Before joining the Law Center's staff in 2003, he served as the section chief of the Civil Rights Division of the Louisiana Department of Justice for four years.

He has been involved in several community organizations, including 100 Black Men of Metro Baton Rouge, Baton Rouge Chamber of Commerce, Baton Rouge Branch NAACP, Baton Rouge Bar Association Pro Bono Committee, Habitat for Humanity, and the South Louisiana Charter Foundation.

Washington will begin his term as chancellor of Southern University Law Center once a contract is approved by the Southern University Board of Supervisors. His official start date is forthcoming.

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CHANCELLOR WASHINGTON CONTINUES BAR WELLNESS PROGRAM TO ASSIST LOUISIANA TEST TAKERS



Over the past few months, graduates have invested countless hours preparing for the Bar exam. Under Chancellor Washington's leadership, the Bar Wellness Program was launched to support test takers, enabling them to concentrate fully on their exam preparation. This overall program offered lunches, mental health counselors, and additional resources.

The exam was administered on February 17, February 19, and February 21 in New Orleans. Throughout these days, students were warmly welcomed by the enthusiastic and supportive SULC faculty as they entered and exited the testing facility. Faculty members were also available throughout the week to address any questions and provide guidance.

STUDENT FEATURES

KANDICE ASBURY



Kandice Asbury was named as the International Association of Privacy Professionals Westin Scholar Award honoree.

ALUMNI FEATURES

ERIKA L. GREEN



Erika Green is named Chief Judge of the Family Court of East Baton Rouge Parish.

CARLA GUILLORY



Carla Guillory is named Chief Legal Officer at Milestone.

APRIL LOVE



April Love started a new position as Clinical Instructor with the Food Law and Policy Clinic at Harvard Law.

TYLER BOSWORTH



Tyler Bosworth was named Deputy Secretary and Chief of Staff for the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

ROBBINS GRAHAM



Attorney Robbins Graham was elected as Judge for Orleans Parish First City Court.

APRIL M. LEON



April M. Leon is named as the Acting United States Attorney for the Middle District of Louisiana.

APRIL | 2ND - 5TH



Save The Date

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*If you have any questions, contact Director of Alumni Affairs
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APRIL | 24TH - 25TH

The poster for the Esports Summit 2025. It features a background image of two young men wearing headphones and playing video games. The text on the right side of the poster reads: "ESPORTS SUMMIT 2025", "APRIL 24-25, 2025", "SMITH-BROWN MEMORIAL UNION", "500 JESSE STONE AVE", "BATON ROUGE, LA 70813", "GAMING, GIVEAWAYS", "PANELS, & MORE", "REGISTER NOW", and "WWW.SULC.EDU/ESPORTS". At the bottom right, there is a circular logo that says "save the date".

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