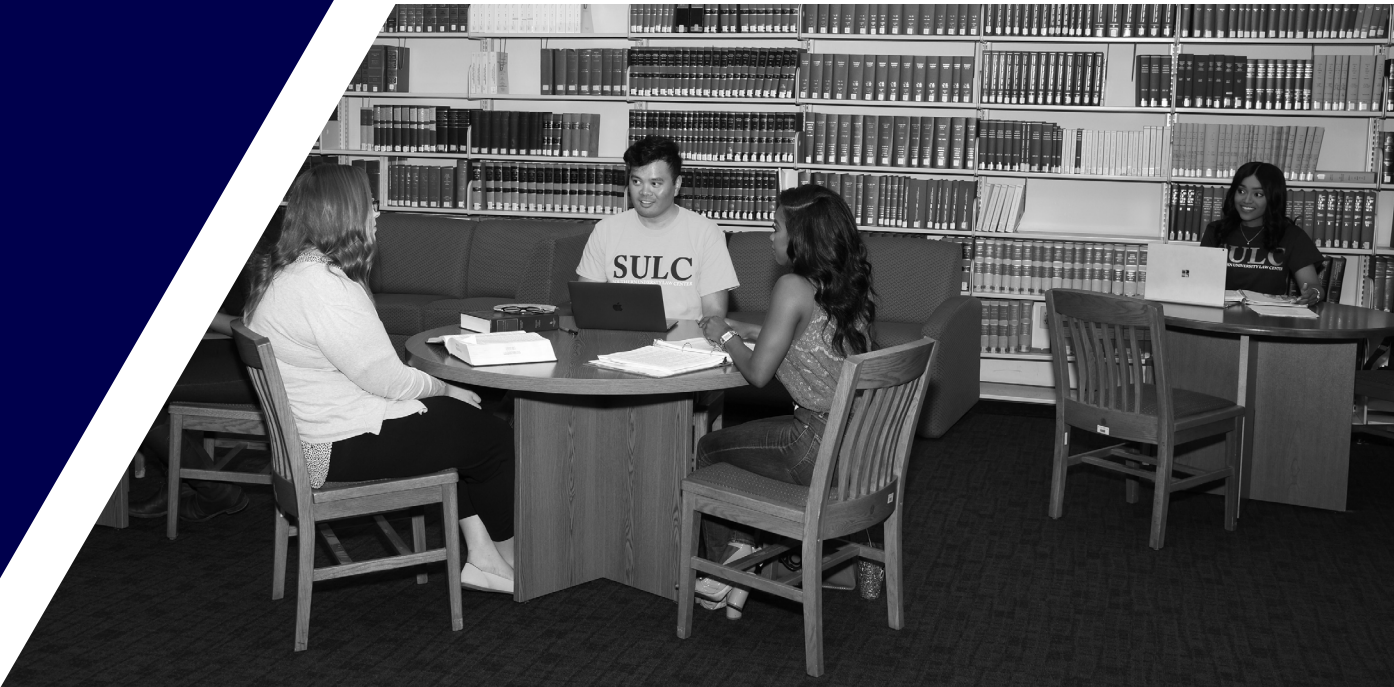


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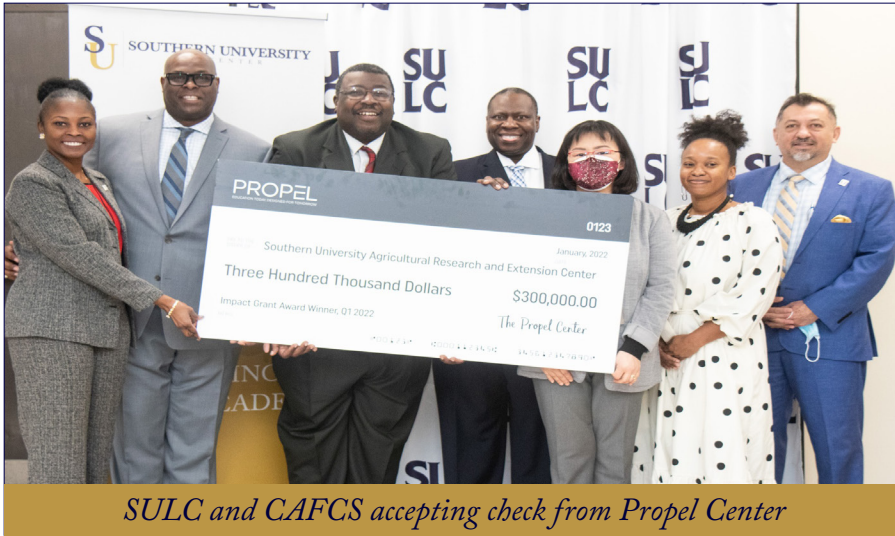
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# NEWS

## SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER AND SU AG CENTER/COLLEGE OF AG RECEIVED A \$300,000 CHECK FROM THE PROPEL CENTER



*SULC and CAFCS accepting check from Propel Center*

The Southern University Law Center and the Southern University Ag Center, College of Agricultural, Family and Consumer Sciences (CAFCS) received a \$300,000 grant from the Propel Center during a check presentation on January 26.

The proposal titled, Enhancement of Students' Design Hands-on Experiences through Computer Technological Support for the Quilt Laboratory in the Apparel Merchandising and Textiles

(AMTX) Program, was one of five Historically Black Colleges and Universities selected to receive an impact grant in Agri-tech.

The grant will upgrade the Quilt Laboratory in the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences Apparel Merchandising and Textiles program by integrating state-of-the-art technologies for quilting to improve the design of quilt patterns through the use of Apple's hardware toolkit. The project also aims to provide students with practical quilting experiences pertinent to business, design, and industrial applications including experience with home furnishing products.

The SU Ag Center and the CAFCS have partnered with the Southern University Law Center on this project. Drs. Seo, Samii Kennedy Benson, Assistant Professor of AMTX, and Renita Marshall, SU Ag Center Vice Chancellor for Academics and Student Support/Associate Dean of CAFCS (both co-project directors on the grant) will work along with Chelsea Grant, a Southern University Law Center student interested in fashion law.

The Propel Center is a first-of-its-kind innovation and learning hub for the entire HBCU community that leverages technology to advance education equity and transform the nation's talent pipeline and workforce. Through its funding partners Apple and Southern Company, the Law Center has developed a robust virtual learning platform with on-campus activations at partner institutions, and a physical campus set to be constructed in Georgia's Atlanta University Center in the Spring of 2023. To learn more, visit [propelcenter.org](http://propelcenter.org).

## THE SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER HOSTS THE 2022 HAITI UNITY SUMMIT

The Southern University Law Center hosted a four-day Haiti Unity Summit January 14-17, in conjunction with the 2021 Haitian Diaspora Interest Group. The purpose of the summit was to provide a platform for the political factions and Haitian Civil Society to negotiate a permanent solution to the political crisis, and to lay the groundwork for a government of transition that will organize free and fair elections as well as practicable.

The summit closed with an action plan the Haitian political leaders can use to collaborate with the Accords in Haiti and help improve the government. The Haitian delegates left Baton Rouge with the next steps to establish an interim Haitian government by the Feb. 7 deadline, determine when the election will happen, and to make sure there is security in place.

General Russell Honoré, who led the summit, opened the last day of the summit by sharing a tweet from Fritz A Jean, the Accord Unitarie de la Louisiane's presidential nomination, asking for peace and unity as the country approaches the Feb. 7 deadline. Feb. 7 is believed to be when the term of assassinated President Jovenel Moïse will officially end. "There is hope that within the next few weeks leading up to the Feb. 7 deadline, the Accord Unitarie de la Louisiane can lead the way for a path forward with the Accords in Haiti, and there can be collaborations on all fronts," said Honoré.

Over the course of the summit, the delegates unanimously agreed upon one Accord, Accord Unitarie de la Louisiane, from nine different Accords. After two days of deliberation, the group decided a president and prime minister should run the country. Fritz A Jean was nominated as the next interim President of Haiti, and Mariam Fetiore, a female candidate for interim Prime Minister.

The Haitian delegates expressed their gratitude to Honoré and the SU Law Center for hosting the event. Many stated that it was a long and challenging process, but they managed to choose the right direction for Haiti. They are proud of the work produced at the summit. Some delegates shared how the democratic process is not easy but practical.

Honoré told the group and the Haitian people, "Remember your motto- strength and unity. You will survive together or fail separately."

Donations for the summit can be given at [www.gofundme.com/f/the-haiti-unity-summit-fundraiser](http://www.gofundme.com/f/the-haiti-unity-summit-fundraiser). For more information about the Haitian Diaspora Political Action Committee, please visit the website at: [www.hdpac.org](http://www.hdpac.org) or call the office in Washington, DC at 202-508-3397, or Haiti at 509-3739-3651 or by email at [info@hdpac.org](mailto:info@hdpac.org).

## HAITI UNITY SUMMIT.. (CONT'D)



*The 2022 #Haiti Unity Summit ended on a positive note as delegates managed to choose the best direction for Haiti*



*The unity summit was established to encourage all Haitian political factions to arrive at a lasting solution to Haiti's intractable political crisis.*



*Mayor-President of the City of Baton Rouge Sharon Weston Broome*

# SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER HOSTS INAUGURAL SPORTS AGENT BOOTCAMP



The Southern University Law Center, in partnership with Diverse Representation, is hosting its inaugural Sports Agent Bootcamp on February 4 – 5 at the Valdry Center on the Southern University Baton Rouge campus.

During the two-day immersive bootcamp, students will participate in several workshops led by an array of sports agents from across the country who will prepare attendees for careers as professional sports agents. Participants will hear from industry leaders at leading companies such as Creative Artists Agency (CAA) and Vanguard Sports Group. Some of the topics that will be

covered during the Bootcamp include “Recruiting and Managing Clients,” “Representing the Peak Professional Athlete,” and “Maintaining Integrity as an Agent.”

The event is open to the public and registration is required. General admission starts at \$75. For more information and to register, visit [www.sulc.edu/sportsbootcamp](http://www.sulc.edu/sportsbootcamp).


# SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER PARTNERS WITH GENERATION ESPORTS TO HOST KING OF THE COURT NBA TOURNAMENT

The Southern University Law Center will host the upcoming King of the Court NBA 2K22 Tournament powered by Generation Esports. The competition takes place January 28- February 5 in New Orleans. The top four gamers will compete LIVE at the Smoothie King Center on February 17!

The competition includes PlayStation 4 and Xbox One players competing in separate tournaments and playoff brackets for a chance to win \$1,000 in scholarships. Players will be put into groups during the round-robin stage, with multiple possible playtimes each day.

# PARTNERSHIPS

## KING OF THE COURT... (CONT'D)

A promotional poster for the King of the Court tournament. At the top left is a small logo for 'KING OF THE COURT ESORTS'. In the center is a basketball surrounded by a laurel wreath and five stars. Below this is a gold banner with the text 'KING OF THE COURT'. Underneath the banner, the text reads 'NBA 2K22 TOURNAMENT', 'JANUARY 28<sup>TH</sup> - FEBRUARY 5<sup>TH</sup>', and 'NEW ORLEANS, LA'. At the bottom, under the heading 'INFORMATION', there is a bulleted list of details. A small Southern University Law Center logo is in the top right corner.

**KING OF THE COURT**

**NBA 2K22 TOURNAMENT**

**JANUARY 28<sup>TH</sup> - FEBRUARY 5<sup>TH</sup>**

**NEW ORLEANS, LA**

**INFORMATION**

- THE COMPETITION INCLUDES PLAYSTATION 4 AND XBOX ONE PLAYERS COMPETING IN SEPARATE TOURNAMENTS FOR A CHANCE TO WIN \$1,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS.
- THE TOP 10 PLAYERS FROM EACH CONSOLE BRACKET WILL WIN TICKETS TO THE PELICANS VS. MAVERICKS GAME ON FEBRUARY 17<sup>TH</sup> AND MORE.
- THE KING OF COURT COMPETITION IS FREE AND OPEN TO STUDENTS AGED 13 TO 18 IN LOUISIANA.
- TO REGISTER, VISIT [WWW.GENERATIONESPORTS.COM/KING-OF-THE-COURT](http://WWW.GENERATIONESPORTS.COM/KING-OF-THE-COURT).
- TO PURCHASE TICKETS TO THE GAME AND TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONSHIP, VISIT [PELS.GROUP/SULC](http://PELS.GROUP/SULC). A PORTION OF THE PROCEEDS BENEFITS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT CHRISTOPHER TURNER AT [CHRISTOPHER.TURNER@SULC.EDU](mailto:CHRISTOPHER.TURNER@SULC.EDU)

playtimes each day. Playoffs will be conducted in a single-elimination format several times throughout the weekend.

The top 10 players from each console bracket will win tickets to the Pelicans vs. Mavericks game on February 17, in addition to a private gaming deck with King Cake, \$5 food voucher, Pelican's jacket, and more.

The King of Court competition is free and open to students aged 13 to 18 in Louisiana. To register, visit [www.generationesports.com/king-of-the-court](http://www.generationesports.com/king-of-the-court).

To purchase tickets to the game and tournament championship, visit <https://pels.group/SULC>. A portion of the proceeds benefits Southern University Law Center.

For more information, contact Christopher Turner, coordinator for Mixed Reality Virtual Innovation Gaming and Esports Institute at [christopher.turner@sulc.edu](mailto:christopher.turner@sulc.edu).

# STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

## DEMARIO THORNTON



Law Center student DeMario L. Thornton recently represented the Law Center during a White House #HBCU student briefing with Marcia Fudge, Secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Secretary Fudge is one of the most senior Black women in the Biden-Harris administration, former U.S. Congresswoman and Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus and previous national president of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated. Thornton and secretary Fudge discussed the way's HUD can be used to facilitate homeownership.

## CEDRIC S. ANDERSON JR

Cedric S. Anderson Jr., a 2L at the Law Center, will be interning with the Texas Legislative Internship Program (TLIP) for the spring semester. During his internship, Anderson will be working with the Harris County Criminal Justice Administration, in the policy division.



## CHANNING WILLIAMSON



Law Center student Channing Williamson will be joining Salesforce as a legal intern this summer. Salesforce is the world's number one customer relationship management (CRM) platform. As an intern, Williamson will gain incomparable insight into the legal issues affecting a leading cloud computing company.

# ALUMNI HIGHLIGHTS

## ALYSHA SMITH



Law Center alumna Alysha Smith is the new claims attorney with the Louisiana Workers' Compensation Corporation (LWCC).

## VANESSA HARRIS

The Louisiana Supreme Court appointed Southern University and Law Center alumna Vanessa Harris as judge pro tempore through February 28. Harris is the first black judge to serve on Lafayette City Court.



## NADIA E. NEDZEL



Professor Nadia E. Nedzel, who retired in June 2021 after 17 years of teaching at the Law Center, has been granted professor emeritus by the Southern University Board of Supervisors. Nedzel was a full professor of law and held the Reilly Family Endowed Professorship. During her tenure at the Law Center, she engaged in exemplary scholarship, publishing five books and 11 law review articles and book chapters. One of her books, *Legal Reasoning, Research, and Writing for International Graduate Students*, is now in its fourth edition and has been translated into Chinese for use in teaching students abroad.



# ALUMNI HIGHLIGHTS

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## PAMELA W. CARTER



Law Center alumna attorney Pamela W. Carter has joined the nation's largest minority and women owned law firms, Quintairos, Prieto, Wood & Boyer, P.A and will serve as managing partner! Carter is active in legal and educational organizations. She served as a volunteer for approximately 7 plus years with Volunteers of America Greater New Orleans. She has also authored numerous diversity and inclusion articles and co-authored "DRI Women Rainmakers Roadmap to Success," "Diversity and Inclusion Manual," and was a contributing author of the ABA Trucking Law (Truck Accident Litigation book.)

## CANDACE FORD

Law Center alumna Candace Ford has been named a Rising Star at Breazeale, Sachse & Wilson, L.L.P.



## SHELLEY JOURDAN HARRISON



Law Center alumna Shelley Jourdan Harrison has joined Kean Miller as an associate!

Shelley brings with her 14 years of experience in the courtroom, in both civil and criminal matters. She will practice with the energy and environmental litigation groups and assist local, regional, and national clients in a variety of environmental, regulatory, and general litigation matters.

# ALUMNI HIGHLIGHTS

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## TODD CLEMON



Alumnus Todd Clemons has been appointed by the Supreme Court of Louisiana to the Louisiana Attorney Disciplinary Board! Clemons' term begins in January 2022 and continues through the end of 2024.

## EDWARD “TED” JAMES II

Law Center alumnus and State Representative Edward “Ted” James II has been appointed by President Joe Biden to serve as the Regional Administrator for the SBA’s South-Central region.



## HELENA CUNNINGHAM



Alumna Helena Cunningham has been named the 2022 chair of the Baton Rouge Area Chamber board!

# ALUMNI HIGHLIGHTS

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## LESLIE RICARD CHAMBERS



Law Center alumna Leslie Ricard Chambers will serve as the new Assistant Chief Administrative Officer with the office of Mayor-President Sharon Weston Broome. Chambers will supervise City-Parish functions including the Division of Health and Human Services.

## ALEJANDRO RAESHOD PERKINS

Hammonds, Sills, Adkins, Guice, Noah & Perkins, L.L.P, has named Law Center alumnus Alejandro Raeshod Perkins as its new managing partner. Most recently, Perkins was inducted into SULC's Hall of Fame. He is an appointed member of the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System and a member of 100 Black Men of Baton Rouge currently serving on the Board of Directors.



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## IT'S OUR ANNIVERSARY



The Southern University Law Center will celebrate its 75th anniversary throughout 2022. This year's theme is "Opening Doors for 75 Years."

The Law Center officially opened in September 1947 to provide legal education for African American students. Since then, we have produced graduates across the nation who are trailblazers in the legal profession. As an institution dedicated to fostering beneficial opportunities for students and alumni, we stress legal education of strong value for students from diverse backgrounds.

"The Southern University Law Center has been a transformational force in legal education for the last 75 years. It has been a beacon for access and opportunity for thousands of individuals who have sought to pursue legal training and their dreams to become change agents, advocates, and leaders in society," said John K. Pierre, chancellor of the Southern University Law Center.

The Law Center is proud to continue the tradition established by the original School of Law—to provide quality legal education commensurate with high professional standards. This legacy has inspired the Law Center to proceed as a progressive, innovative institution preparing students for success in all law-related segments of society for 75 years.

To commemorate the immense anniversary, the Law Center will host various events each month to mark this momentous occasion. The celebration will culminate with a Diamond Gala on September 2. More event details are forthcoming and will be found on the 75th Anniversary webpage.

To donate, visit [secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=2crbYT](https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=2crbYT).  
For more information, visit [www.sulc.edu/anniversary](http://www.sulc.edu/anniversary).



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