

# CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

JULY 2022



**PRODUCING LAWYER LEADERS**

# NEWS



## SULC, EDUCATIONAL PARTNERS HOST NATIONAL CIVIL RIGHTS CONFERENCE

Southern University Law Center's Louis A. Berry Institute for Civil Rights and Justice, in partnership with the National Education and Empowerment Coalition, Inc., and Miami University, hosted the 11th Annual National Civil Rights conference in Baton Rouge, on June 20-2. Pre-conference activities took place at historic locations throughout New Orleans from June 18-19.

The conference theme was "Engage, Educate & Empower." The historic conference opened on June 18 in New Orleans with free Restorative Justice Circle trainings for youth in the community, a historic marker unveiling, tours, and more. Attendees also attended a special Father's Day event honoring the lives of local civil rights veterans and a private screening of "A Crime on The Bayou," which told the story of Gary Duncan, a Black teenager arrested and convicted for touching a white boy's arm in Louisiana in 1966.

Baton Rouge conference activities took place at Southern University and the Baton Rouge Hilton Capitol Center.

Those who attended the conference were able to take tours and hear presentations on the murders of Denver Smith and Leonard Brown from Donney Rose, award-winning writer and chief content editor of The North Star, and on The Baton Rouge Bus Boycott, featuring Eugene Collins, president of the Baton Rouge Branch of the NAACP.

Youth attendees participated in sessions covering a range of topics, such as human rights, therapeutic art, and more.

In addition, Southern University alumnus and award-winning filmmaker Keith Beauchamp hosted a screening of his documentary, "The Untold Story of Emmett Till" and the Civil Rights

# CONT. NATIONAL CIVIL RIGHTS CONFERENCE

& Restorative Justice Project will highlight the work of local law students to uncover truths and seek justice.

This year's conference concluded with the Clark v. Edwards display unveiling ceremony. The display is housed in Law Center's Oliver B. Spellman Law Library.



*Clark v. Edwards case display*



*Baton Rouge NAACP president, Eugene Collins, directs a bus tour of historic sites of the Baton Rouge Bus Boycott.*



*SUBR alumnus, Keith Beauchamp (center) hosts a panel discussion with Cynthia Dietle (left) and Dale Killinger (right).*



*SUBR alumnus, Donney Rose, recites a poem entitled "Blood on the Bluff"*

## SUSTAINABILITY AND EQUITY WERE ON THE AGENDA AT THE INTERNATIONAL GLOBAL CORPORATE GOVERNANCE CONFERENCE



The Law Center hosted the 8th Annual Global Corporate Governance Institute (GCGI) Conference on June 8-10. This year's theme was "Global Corporate Governance: Sustainability and Equity".

GCGI is a non-profit entity and has held annual conferences on corporate governance and corporate social responsibility since 2014 in places such as the United Kingdom, China, Australia, Germany, the United Arab Emirates, Spain, and Portugal. This year's conference was the first held in the Western Hemisphere. The conferences attract global scholars, lawyers, and businesspeople who present their research on how corporations are addressing or should be addressing the most serious issues facing society. The best papers are then

published by a major international publisher.

During the conference, in addition to presenting their research, participants engaged in discussions, heard presentations from noteworthy keynote speakers, and networked with conference attendees. Speakers included local, national, and international trailblazers in business, law, and society on topics relating to entrepreneurial approaches to sustainability and equity.

# OVER 800 ATTEND THIRD EXPUNGEMENT EVENT HOSTED BY SULC, LOUISIANA WORKFORCE COMMISSION

On June 10, the Law Center's Office of Innovation and Strategic Partnerships and Initiatives partnered with the Louisiana Workforce Commission to host an expungement intake event that assisted over 800 people.



# STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

## KAYLAH ABDULLAH



Kaylah Abdullah earned a summer clerkship with Foley & Mansfield, PLLP.

## LAUREN WILLIAMS

Lauren Williams started a summer legal internship at Louisiana National Guard JAG Corp.



## ANGELICA DIX



Angelica Dix has secured a summer internship at Breazeale, Sachse & Wilson, L.L.P.

## NAUDIA FOSTER

SBA President, Naudia Foster, joined Rubrik, Inc. as a legal intern. In addition, she will join the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana as a law clerk this fall.



# STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

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## WHITLEY PARKER



Law center student Whitley Parker has been awarded a Thurgood Marshall College Fund summer school scholarship.

## JALYN WELL

Law Center student Jalyn Wells has secured summer internships at State Farm and Catalyst Inc.



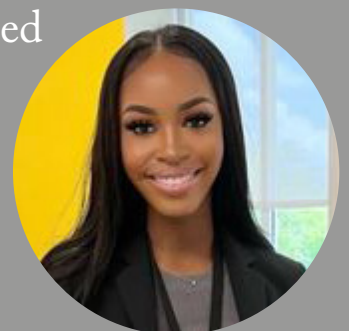
## DEMARIO BUTCHEE



SULC student Demario Butchee joined the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc. as a 2022 summer legal intern.

## ERYN WELLS

Law Center student Eryn Wells has secured fellowships at both Reed Smith LLP and the Hershey Company.



# STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

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## DANIELLE O'NEAL



Law Center student Danielle O'Neal has secured a law clerk position for the Office of the Parish Attorney with the City of Baton Rouge.

## SHANELLE STATEN



## BASHAR SELAH



Law Center students Bashar Saleh and Shanelle Staten were selected to represent SULC as 2022 White House HBCU scholars.

## EBONY CORMIER



## JADA HAYNES



Law Center students Ebony Cormier and Jada Haynes were selected for the USLAW Network Foundation Law School Diversity Scholarship.



# ALUMNI HIGHLIGHTS

## JENÉ C. CLAYTON



Alumna Jené C. Clayton has joined Breazeale, Sachse & Wilson, L.L.P.

## MICHAEL B. VICTORIAN

Law Center alumnus Michael B. Victorian was chosen as one of Phelps Dunbar LLP's "40 Under 40 Nation's Best Advocates" by the National Bar Association.



## MOLLIE PONDS



Alumna Mollie Ponds has accepted the NAACP: Amos C. Brown Fellowship in Ghana.

## HON. FREDDIE PITCHER JR.

Alumnus Judge Freddie Pitcher, Jr. recently received the 2022 Chief Justice Bernette Joshua Johnson Trailblazer Award from the Louisiana State Bar Association.



# ONGOING AND UPCOMING EVENTS

SAVE THE  
**date**

3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL  
SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT  
SYMPOSIUM

SEPTEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup>-24<sup>TH</sup> MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

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LAW CENTER  
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and Initiatives

**SIA**  
SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT  
LEGAL ASSOCIATION



75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER  
**75<sup>TH</sup>**  
ANNIVERSARY

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>  
L'AUBERGE CASINO

6 P.M. VIP RECEPTION | 7 P.M. DINNER

\$75 GENERAL TICKET | \$250 VIP RECEPTION TICKET

*Black Tie Optional*

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO A

*Denim & Diamonds Affair*

AUGUST 13<sup>TH</sup>  
1 P.M. - 4 P.M.  
SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER

GENERAL ADMISSION: \$19.47  
CURRENT STUDENTS: FREE

ATTIRE: CASUAL DENIM CLOTHING

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