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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Dear Southernites and Friends:

The last two weeks have been packed with lots of alumni activities. Southern University Alumni Federation Home Chapter hosted its Black History Month Program on February 1, 2017, which included a list of distinguished honorees including Mayor-President Sharon Weston-Broome, along with former Congressman Cleo Fields. I had the great pleasure of introducing our new mayor to the sold out crowd. Congratulations to Home Chapter President Cortny Jarrell and the entire chapter leadership on a great event.



Home Chapter Members Enjoying the Black History Month Program



Mayor-President Sharon Weston Broome with Preston Castille

The Federation then rolled into its Leadership Retreat held on February 3-4, 2017 in Baton Rouge, which featured tours of Southern's new downtown location, as well as the main campus. Our alumni leaders heard from several campus and system leaders who shared with us some of the successes and challenges that our University is facing. It was a great opportunity to fellowship and strengthen our plans for our national alumni association and its affiliated chapters. Leaders flew in from all over the country for this informative and productive weekend. Kudos to Executive Director Derrick Warren and Assistant Executive Director Khadijah Thompson for a fantastic job in coordinating these activities.

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Alumni Federation Leaders Hard at Work at Leadership Retreat



Leadership Retreat Attendees Wrapping Up Weekend with a Tour of the Campus via Trolley

We topped off the weekend by presenting a check for $7,500 to the "Adopt-a-Juke" Campaign during the Southern vs. Grambling basketball game, which happened to also be "Alumni Night". The additional $7,500 brings the total amount contributed to the "Adopt-a-Juke" Campaign thus far to $52,000. These contributions have allowed the band to place a deposit to purchase new uniforms for next fall's football season. We still have about $100,000 to go, but we are well on our way, thanks to you and your generous contributions. Special thanks to 1st Vice President LaQuitta Thomas who has been spearheading this effort.



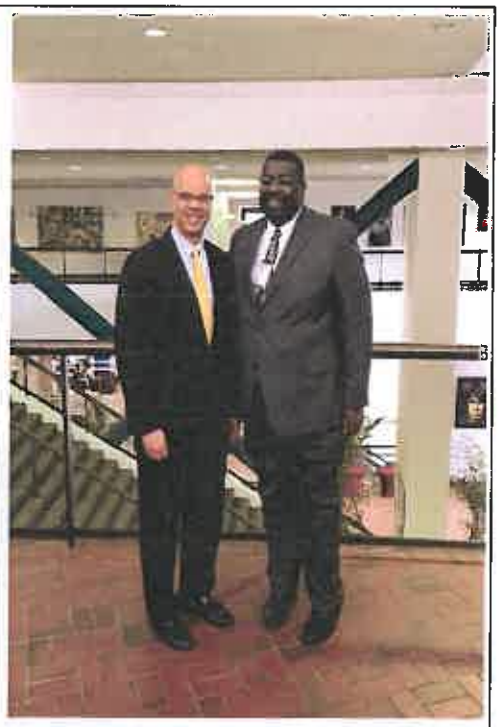
Federation Makes Additional $7500 donation to Adopt-A-Juke Campaign

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Last weekend, I attended the American Bar Association House of Delegates meeting in Miami, Florida. I would like to thank Southern University Law Center Chancellor John Pierre for his hard work in defeating a resolution that had the potential of threatening the Law Center's future accreditation. I have enjoyed serving in the House of Delegates of the American Bar Association, and was proud to see Chancellor Pierre working with hundreds of delegates from around the country to address this very important issue about the future of law school education.



The Engagement and Ideas were Amazing as the Federation Leaders Planned for the Future



Preston Castille and SULC Chancellor John Pierre at ABA House of Delegate Meeting in Miami

I am headed to Houston this weekend to attend the Houston Mardi Gras Gala. I know that Houston Chapter President Tracey Taylor-Jarrell and the Houston Jags have planned a great weekend as the event is already sold out. This officially kicks off the Mardi Gras season for me, as chapters will be hosting Mardi Gras events to raise scholarship money for students and gather alumni in the name of SU all across the country. Congratulations to all of our chapters who continue to serve our University and its students.

Sincerely yours,

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