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Greetings SU Alumni Nation,

The SU Alumni Federation brought in the month of June with 3 of our chapters having awesome events on June 1 and 2, 2019. The Dallas and Los Angeles Chapters hosted Southernites and supporters in the name of scholarship and generating funds to provide financial assistance to area students to attend SU!

Though the weather in Dallas was challenging, the 36<sup>th</sup> annual Bayou Bash still moved forward. No rain could stop the SU Nation from eating deliciously prepared crawfish, meatpies, corn and potatoes! The party moved inside the venue, the African American Museum, and the attendees enjoyed a wonderful Second Line band and the fellowship of each other! Thanks to SU Head Football coach, Dawson Odums, for traveling to Dallas and supporting the chapter. A bit of incredible news is that the Dallas chapter awarded \$43,000 in scholarship awards to 50 students during this past academic year (Fall 2018-Spring 2019). Major kudos to Dallas Chapter president, Michael Johnson, and the entire Dallas chapter for all of the great work in fundraising and recruiting students! Thank you Dallas Chapter!!

On the west coast, in Los Angeles, the weather was cloudy, but the crawfish (that traveled all the way from Lake Charles, LA) were piping hot and well-seasoned, along with all the trimmings! The Alpha House was the venue for the crawfish boil and it served the chapter very well!! The event had a great group of Alums and supporters and the crowd, who responded well to the DJ, were up, dancing, taking photos (selfies), drinking Hurricanes and enjoying a wonderful day and good food! Supporters from Grambling and LSU were also in attendance and it was great sharing the love with others from the SU System's home state...it really was a touch of home! Congratulations to the President Camille Mayo, the crawfish boil chairs and the entire chapter on a job well done!

Who's tired of crawfish? Not the SU Nation...that's for certain! We have one more boil to go!! ☺

On Sunday, June 2, the 47 year-old Seattle-Puget Sound chapter hosted their 46<sup>th</sup> annual Legacy of Achievement Student Support Fund Awards Luncheon. It's pretty amazing that immediately after founding, the chapter started giving back to Southern University and awarding scholarships to deserving students! The scholarship luncheon, held at the Doubletree Hotel, was very well attended and celebrated the achievements of 5 Student Support Fund, and Dr. Norward J. Brooks, "In-Service to the Community" award winners. The other great and unique fact about a few of the awardees is that they will be attending Southern University after having spent time at Seattle Central Community College. The Seattle-Puget sound chapter is making strides with the Memorandum of Understanding agreement with Seattle Central, with president Cleo Brooks and her team leading the effort. The Seattle awardees are full of energy and from hearing their bios, they are extremely intelligent and mature and ready to take on Southern University! We had the opportunity to meet their parents and show them love and provide re-assurance that we are not called the SU Nation for nothing! Great job Seattle-Puget Sound Southernites!

Another high-light of the week was the "day of champions" as the Louisiana Legislative celebrated our Lady Jags basketball team and SU baseball team, both 2019 SWAC champions!! We are #SUProud and appreciate the Legislative community acknowledging our amazing teams and providing proclamations! We thank, also, all of our SU alums who traveled to support both teams as they took their talents to Starkville, MS for NCAA play. Thank you SU Nation...and we're not called that for nothing!

And speaking of travel, we thank you for your patience while finishing touches are applied to the 2019 football hotel list. Several have asked questions and expressed frustration around the hotels for the away games, namely the Florida A&M game. Our Executive Director, Derrick Warren, and staff are working diligently to secure a hotel for our Alums that will not break the bank and will also keep everyone in somewhat of a comfortable distance from

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Tallahassee. We hear you SU Nation and are working to come up with a solution! We will keep you posted on when the hotel list is ready...should be soon!

We are excited about the inaugural scholarship breakfast fundraiser this weekend, hosted by the SUAF Chicago chapter! The chapter will also leverage this event as their last meeting for the summer! We look forward to the report from Chicago and wish the chapter much success this weekend! This is the first year, yes, but, we believe, there will be many more years to come of a worthwhile fundraiser!

We are just under a month away from the 2019 Leadership Summit which will be held on the SUNO campus June 28-29, 2019. The committee continues to work together to offer good, relevant content for the Summit. While open to all SU alums, we need each chapter president (and any other officers on your Executive Board and Councils), to make plans to attend this year's Summit. The theme "Alumni in Action: Fulfilling the Promise" will allow us time with the leaders from our SU System, the Board of Supervisors and will foster an environment for sharing best practices in the areas of chapter governance, fundraising, student recruitment and membership and more! Please join us in the New Orleans...go out to [www.sualumni.org](http://www.sualumni.org) to register!

Stay tuned as the Atlanta and North Carolina Triangle chapters are on deck for awesome fundraisers Father's Day weekend! There is a continued sense of pride regarding all of the work of our chapters...thank you chapters for your commitment to excellence and raising funds for students to attend Southern University!

Wherever you go this weekend, take Southern University with you!

Thanks for all you do...see you soon, Shreveport!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'LaQuitta Thomas'.

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