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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

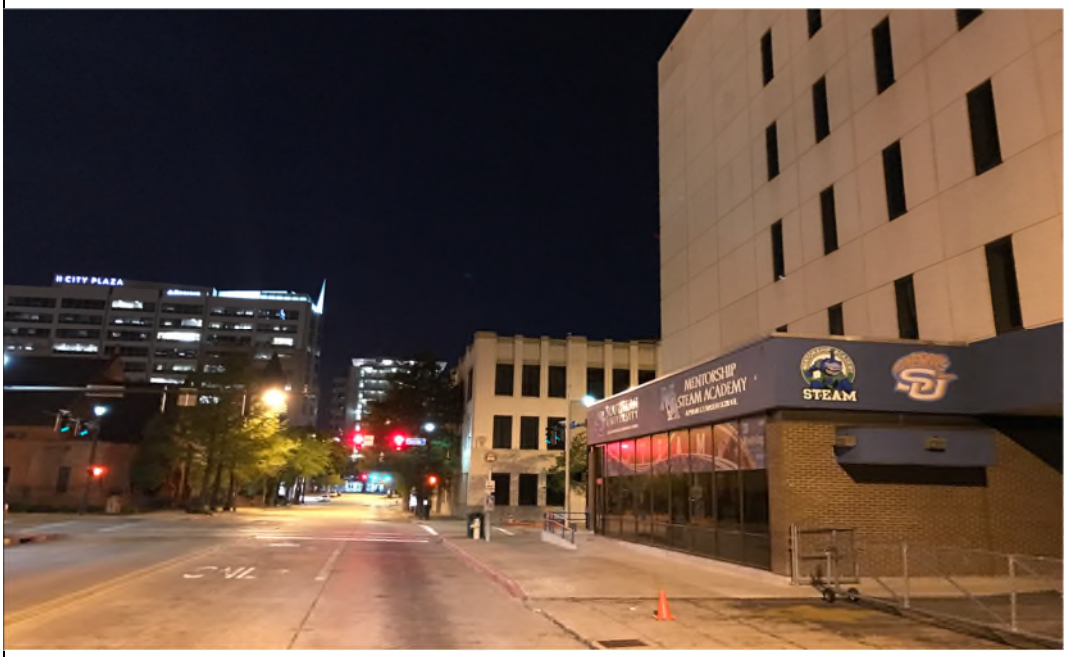
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Dear Southernites and Friends:

On Sunday, our St. Martin Parish Alumni Chapter President, Etta Brew, hosted the chapter's annual scholarship banquet in Breaux Bridge. Federation Executive Director Derrick Warren inspired the audience of students, alumni, friends and supporters as the keynote speaker. Another great chapter offered scholarships to high school students to recruit them to Southern University. In the meantime, the downtown Baton Rouge landscape was changing as the Southern University signs and logo for our new downtown location were being placed on the building. Downtown Baton Rouge never looked so good. It was a proud moment to see Southern University's name and a blue and gold Jaguar officially placed on the six-story building.



Dr. Robert Rene', Scholarship Recipient Trevor Kately, and his mother, along with St. Martin Parish Chapter President Etta Brew, Federation Director Derrick Warren

	**New Southern University and Mentorship Academy signs placed on downtown Baton Rouge building**
	**Nighttime view of downtown Baton Rouge building with new SU and Mentorship signs and mascots**

The first semester in downtown Baton Rouge has truly been a success. Last night, I ended my Pre-Trial Litigation and Trial Advocacy classes downtown. Because of the convenience of the downtown area, we held our last class in Baton Rouge City Court as the students completed oral arguments on motions for summary judgment, a settlement conference, and a jury trial. Downtown Baton Rouge has offered Southern students an opportunity to have a real life, practical learning experience. Special thanks to Judge Yvette Alexander, Clerk of Court Elzie

Alford, and the entire Baton Rouge City Court staff for allowing our classes to end our semester in the courtroom.

	**SULC Trial Advocacy class attending last class of the semester in downtown Baton Rouge**
	**SULC Pretrial Litigation class wrapping up the semester in Baton Rouge City Court with SULC Alum, Clerk of Clerk of Court Elzie Alford, and Sgt. Alvin Jackson**

I look forward to Southern expanding course offerings with the Law Center, the College of Business, and the Graduate School of Education in the future. Similarly, I look forward to expanding the educational pipeline to a first class education at Southern University with the high school students. While all of the 600 Mentorship Academy high school students may not attend Southern, I believe that most will, and all will attend a university somewhere. This new Southern University downtown presence is the first big step in making our new IMAGINE 20,000 project a reality.

	
SULC Student Daniel Gauthier Cross- Examining a Witness During Trial Advocacy Class	**SULC Student Raymond Wilkes Examining an Expert Witness During Trial Advocacy Class**

Sincerely,

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