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Unique Areas of Excellence Progress Report

June 1, 2000

- Accounting
- Biological Sciences and Environment Studies
- Global Development and Human Relations
- Nursing
- Integrated Teacher Preparation
- Basic Studies

Accounting

Investments Made

- A new \$10,000 Endowed Scholarship was received from the Association of Government Accountants (Baton Rouge Chapter).
- \$4,000 of additional funding for the Charles and Patricia O'Drobinak Excellence in Accounting Endowed Scholarship.
- The Accounting Faculty/Alumni Scholarship has been funded with an endowment of \$14,909.
- The Jules Prokop Endowed Presidential-Level Scholarship in Accounting has been established with a \$55,000 bequest.
- The University has received a commitment to establish the Phil K. Livingston Endowed professorship in Accounting. This endowment is being funded with contributions from Phil K. Livingston, Sanderson Farms, and AmSouth Bank.

Faculty Awards and Achievements

- Dr. John Crain, Professor and Head of the Department has been selected to chair the Accounting Education Issues Committee of the Society of Louisiana CPAs. This statewide Committee serves as an important interface between the accounting profession and the accounting academic community in Louisiana.

Faculty Research and Scholarly Activity

Refereed Journal Articles

- Braun, R, & Mauldin S. "Activism and the Auditing Standard Setting Process," forthcoming in *Today's CPA*.
- Braun, R."The Effect of Time Pressure on Auditor Attention to Qualitative Aspects of Misstatements Indicative of Potential Fraudulent Financial Reporting," *Accounting Organizations and Society*, Volume 25, pp. 243-259.
- Carruth, P., Carruth, A., & Noto, E. "Examination of Nurse Manager's Role in Fiscal Management," *Nursing Management*, February 2000, Vol. 31, No. 2, pp. 16-17.
- Crain, J., Cudd, M., & Brown, C. "The Impact of the Revenue Reconciliation Act of 1993 on the Pricing Structure of Equity REITs," forthcoming in the *Journal of Real Estate Research*.
- Crain, J., & Whitehead, R. "Recent Developments in Environmental Justice: Implications for the Petroleum Industry," *Oil, Gas and Energy Quarterly*, June 1999, pp. 899-910.
- Mauldin, S., Wilder, W., & Stocks, M. "Does AICPA Accreditation of Non-Audit Services Add Value? The Case of Personal Financial Planning," *Accounting Horizons*, March 2000, Vol. 14, No. 1, pp. 49-67.
- Mauldin, S., Mounce, P., & Crain, J. "The Accounting Principles Instructor's Influence on Students' Decisions to Major in Accounting," *The Journal of Education for Business*, January/February 2000, Vol. 75, No. 2, pp. 54-65.
- Mauldin, S., Braun R., and Zanzig, J., "Graphically Presented Accounting Information: An Empirical Study of User Judgement and Accuracy," *The Journal of Business and Behavioral Sciences*, Fall 1999, pp. 54-65.
- Mauldin, S., and Wilder, M., "The Multiple Sources of GAAP for Healthcare Organizations: Current and Future," *The Government Accountants Journal*, Fall 1999, pp. 10-17.
- Meyer, M. & Tahai, A. "A Revealed Preference Study of Management Journals' Direct Influences." *Strategic Management Journal*, Volume 20 (1999), pp. 279-296.
- **Titard, P., Karim, K., and Rutledge, R., "An Empirical Study of Student Attitudes Toward Group Learning Experiences," *Journal of Applied Management and Entrepreneurship*, forthcoming.**

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Conference Presentations and Proceedings

- Braun, R. & Mauldin, S. "Activism and the Auditing Standard Setting Process," Southwest American Accounting Association Annual Meeting, March 2000, San Antonio, Texas.
- Carruth, P. & Cappel, S. "Nurse Managers - More Autonomous? Budget Involvement as an Indicator," presented at the 1999 meeting of the American Academy of Accounting and Finance, New Orleans, December 1999.
- Simpson, R., DiGregorio, D., & Crain, J. "'Trader' or 'Investor'? The Tax Consequences of Day and/or Online Trading," presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Business and Behavioral Sciences, Las Vegas, Nevada, February 17-21, 2000.
- Simpson, R., Crain, J., & Jones, K. "An Historical Overview of the Tax Treatment of Publicly-Traded Partnerships," presented at the 2000 Southwest American Accounting Association Meeting, San Antonio, Texas, March 15-18, 2000.
- Meyer, M. "The Role of Commitment in the Survival of Auditor-Client Relationships Following First-Time Uncertainty Qualifications," presented at the 2000 American Accounting Association Southwest Region Meeting, San Antonio, Texas, March 15-18, 2000.
- Meyer, M. & Daigle, A. "Disclosure of Y2K Contingencies in the Oil and Gas Industry: A Prediction of Y2K Exposure," presented at the 1999 meeting of the American Academy of Accounting and Finance, New Orleans, LA, December 9 – 11, 1999.
- Simpson, R. "The Tax Law and Double Jeopardy: Ames and Related Case Law," presented at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Accounting and Finance, New Orleans, LA, December 9-11, 1999.

Student Awards and Achievements

- December 1999 accounting graduate Ashley Braun received the Nancy Harke Award. This national award is given to the President of the Beta Alpha Psi Chapter selected as the "Most Improved in the Nation."

Graduate Placement

- 100% of the Beta Alpha Psi members graduating with accounting degrees in December 1999 had secured professional positions prior to graduation. These placements include positions at all five of the "Big Five" international accounting firms.

Accomplishments of Alumni

- Seven alumni successfully completed the November 1999 CPA examination.

Activities/Special Events

- Beta Alpha Psi and the Department of Accounting co-sponsored a Continuing Professional Education Day for CPAs on May 19, 2000.

Business Partnerships

- Several new members have been added to the Accounting Advisory Board which will help ensure close ties between Southeastern's Department of Accounting, the Accounting profession and the business community
- Faculty in the Department of Accounting have adopted a formal plan for Professional Accounting Certification, Interaction, and Experience to help ensure that they are incorporating the most recent developments affecting the profession in their course material.
- During the Summer and Fall of 1999, accounting students participated in internships with the following organizations: First Guaranty Bank; C-T Accounting Services, Inc.; Dept. of Environmental Quality; Dept. of Environmental Quality; Barbara Prokop Thibodeaux, CPA; Office of the Legislative Auditor; Michael Smith, CPA; No Fault Industries; Durnin and James, CPAs; and Regina Coeli Child Development Center.
- During Spring 2000, accounting students participated in internships with the following organizations: Ken Fram, CPA; Baumann and Rickert, CPAs; Dept. of Environmental Quality; Weirlien Music; Barbara Prokop Thibodeaux, CPA; Bourgeois Bennett, CPAs; City of Baton Rouge; and Jim Martin, CPA.
- The Department of Accounting is working with the Southeastern Development Foundation and Gilsbar Insurance on the sponsorship of "Estate Planning" workshops.

Other

- Faculty in the Department of Accounting are currently developing an online version of Accounting 200, *Introduction to Financial Accounting*, to be offered via the internet in Fall 2000.

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Biological Sciences and Environment Studies

Investments Made

- The one million dollar Edward G. Schlieder Endowed Chair for Environmental Studies was established within the Department of Biological Sciences during the 1999 fall semester. Dr. Paul Keddy, former Professor of Biology at the University of Ottawa, Canada, was selected for the position. Dr. Keddy is recognized as one of the premier wetland ecologists of the world. The endowment had accrued over \$85,000 at the time Dr. Keddy assumed the position and the Administration committed an addition \$30,000 towards salaries and operating expenses for the Endowed Chair.
- The Department of Biological Sciences continues to expand the Major Kenneth J. Dyson Endowed Scholarship fund which presently has principal funds of \$152,000. A \$1,500 check is awarded annually to each Southeastern student who has been admitted to medical school.
- The Department of Biological Sciences purchased scientific equipment valued at approximately \$120,000 through legislative technology funds. The equipment is utilized in both teaching and research laboratories.
- A one million dollar grant will be awarded to the Department of Biological Sciences later this year by the US Environmental Protection Agency. The funds will be used by six departmental scientists to conduct basic research in the aquatic ecosystems of the Manchac region of the Lake Pontchartrain Basin. The overall project will include both educational and outreach components.

Faculty Awards & Achievements

- Dr. Mark Hester was the recipient of the Senior Research Award by the Association of Southeastern Biologists.
- Dr. Brian Crother was the recipient of the President's Excellence-In-Research Award that is presented annually by the President of Southeastern Louisiana University.
- Dr. Mary White was awarded a prestigious Career Grant from the National Science Foundation for her research in molecular evolution.
- Dr. Ann Cheek was awarded a National Science Foundation POWRE (Professional Opportunities for Women in Research and Engineering) grant for her research that focuses on the influence of environmental toxins on hormonal disruption.
- Dr. Phil Stouffer was honored this past year when he was selected as an Elective Member of the American Ornithologists' Union.
- Dr. Nick Norton was elected President of the Louisiana Society for Electron Microscopy.

Faculty Research, Scholarly Activity, and Creative Activity

- The Graduate Faculty of the Department of Biological Sciences were awarded grants and contracts that totaled more than \$2,500,000 from various state and federal granting agencies, private corporations, institutes, and foundations. Sources of these funds include the National Science Foundation, the U. S. Department of Defense, the U. S. Department of Energy, the Environmental Protection Agency, NASA, the Smithsonian Institute, the Argonne National Laboratory, the U. S. Fish & Wildlife Service, and the U. S. Forest Service. Basic and applied research topics include a molecular analysis of bioremediation, molecular evolution, host-parasite interrelationships, the effect of microgravity on specific phases of developmental biology, hormonal disruption in fish exposed to environmental toxins, the effects of deforestation on bird populations, the effects of environmental fluxes on species of snakes and turtles, the use of molecular probes to detect sources of contamination in river systems, and the restoration of marsh and estuarine ecosystems.
- The Graduate Faculty published 51 articles in national and international scientific journals during the past year.
- Dr. Rich Seigel served as Editor of the national journal, Herpetology. Dr. Brian Crother functioned as the Editor of Herpetological Monographs and Dr. Bill Font served as Associate Editor of the International Journal of Parasitology.
- Drs. Mary White and Brian Crother were the primary organizers of an international symposium on molecular evolution that will be held later this year in Baja, Mexico.
- The Graduate Faculty presented 35 papers at national and international meetings of scientific societies during the past year.
- Ten members of the Graduate Faculty served as reviewers for 51 different scientific journals and professional organizations.
- Dr. Paul Keddy, the Edward G. Schlieder Endowed Chair of Environmental Studies, authored two books during the year.
- Dr. Nick Norton was requested by U. S. Representative David Vitter to testify before a congressional sub-committee in support of the Lake Pontchartrain Basin Restoration Act, which was subsequently passed and funded in the amount of \$140 million over five years

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Student Awards and Achievements

- Niti Daggart, a pre-med student, was selected to participate in the NASA Space Life Sciences Training Program at the John F. Kennedy Space Center.
- Pre-med major Mathew Bernard was selected as a charter student to participate in the LA-SOUL program, which is a new, unique partnership between the University of Louisiana System and the LSU Health Sciences Center's undergraduate research program.
- Seven biology majors were admitted to medical school during the past year.
- Audra Bassett, graduate student in the Department of Biological Sciences, was the recipient of the Wilson Award, which is given annually by the Wilson Ornithology Society during the meeting of the Association of Southeastern Biologists for the most outstanding student paper.
- Graduate student Rebecca Souther was the recipient of the Wildco Award in Aquatic Biology which is given for the most outstanding graduate student paper at the Association of Southeastern Biologists meeting.
- Graduate students Cheryl Strong and David Brown were recipients of the Cooper Ornithological Society Travel Award.
- David Brown, a departmental graduate student, was the recipient of the Marsha Brady Tucker Travel Award that is presented by the American Ornithologists' Union.
- David Thompson, a departmental graduate student, was awarded a National Science Foundation Student Travel Grant to present a paper at the European Geophysical Society meeting in Sardinia, Italy.
- David Thompson was also awarded an American Geophysical Union Student Travel Grant to present a paper at the American Geophysical Union meeting in Washington D.C.
- Seven undergraduate students in the department of Biological Sciences were awarded OSCAR grants that totaled \$8,800 by the Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences to conduct research in the disciplines of microbiology, endocrinology, and molecular biology.
- Twenty-four biology majors were elected into TriBeta, the national biological sciences honor society. The students are required to have a grade point average of at least 3.4 and have completed at least eighteen hours of biology courses.

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Graduate Placement

- The nine students who have graduated from Southeastern during the past one and one-half years with an M.S. degree in Biological Sciences have been very successful in their subsequent pursuit of a job or acceptance into a Ph.D. degree program. Five of the students were accepted into Ph.D. degree programs at Oregon State University, the University of Nebraska, the University of Oklahoma, Ohio University, and Tulane University. The remaining graduates accepted positions with the U. S. Department of Agriculture (research technician in a genetics laboratory), the Delta Regional Primate Center (research assistant in a molecular biology laboratory), Public Health Service (Health Inspector for the city of Baton Rouge), and a private company, Environmental Businesses (research scientist)

Activities/Special Events

- The Department of Biological Sciences sponsors an excellent seminar program that involves recognized scientists from such universities and institutes as the National Institutes of Health, Harvard University, Oregon State University, the Gulf Coast Research Laboratory, Louisiana State University, Auburn University, and the University of Texas.
- Members of TriBeta, the national biological sciences honor society, spent a weekend in April visiting the Gulf Coast Research Laboratory in Ocean Springs, Mississippi. The students toured the research laboratories and collected and identified specimens during a daylong cruise in the Gulf along the barrier islands.
- Turtle Cove, the Environmental Research Station of the Department of Biological Sciences, opens its facilities to the general public each spring. Posters that relate to environmental research projects are displayed and fund raising activities are associated with the event. The proceeds assist in the maintenance and operation of Turtle Cove.

K-12 Partnerships

- Dr. Gary Shaffer is Director of a component of the Louisiana Systemic Initiatives Program (LaSIP) titled "Project CYPRESS: Using Wetlands Ecology as a Vehicle for Teaching Mathematics and Science in Louisiana". The project, funded at \$150,000, is in its seventh year of existence. K-12 teachers are taught how to apply mathematics and mathematical concepts to the resolution of environmental problems through basic research. It has been estimated that 75,000 students have benefited from the dynamic and novel teaching methods experienced by their teachers in Project CYPRESS.
- Project NOM IV is an interdisciplinary program, directed jointly by Dr. Debbie Dardis of the Department of Biological Sciences and Ms. Rebecca Muller of the Department of Mathematics. The LaSIP sponsored project is titled "The Nature of Mathematics: Real World Applications of Abstract Concepts". The program, funded at \$145,000, is designed to increase the content knowledge of mathematics and science teachers of grades 8-12 and to challenge the teachers

with activities that integrate mathematics and the sciences. The project focuses on the reform of pedagogy, curriculum and assessment methods. The program has impacted approximately 40,000 students.

- Dr. Debbie Dardis is Director of a collaborative effort that involves three state universities, (ULL, LSU, and Southeastern) and three government agencies (LDE, LaSIP, and USGS). The project is titled "Interdisciplinary Exploration of Louisiana Using Satellite Imagery" and is funded for \$48,600. Dr. Dardis and seven master teachers are developing interdisciplinary lessons that will use the oil and gas industry as a theme to integrate various aspects of the state's mathematics, science, social studies, and language arts frameworks. The program will impact students throughout the state.
- Dr. Debbie Dardis is Director of the St. Helena Parish District Enhancement Grant that is funded (\$25,000) by the Delta Rural Systemic Initiative/NSF. The program is designed to develop and implement a long-range strategic plan to improve mathematics and science education in St. Helena Parish.

Business & Industry Partnerships

- Dr. Phil Stouffer, the departmental ornithologist, is funded (\$10,600) by Weyerhaeuser Company to generate basic scientific data on the breeding birds that dwell on the Weyerhaeuser land holdings.
- Drs. Mark Hester and Gary Shaffer, a plant physiologist and wetland ecologist respectively, receive research funds (\$42,000) from MI Drilling Fluids, Inc. and the Argonne National Laboratory to utilize mesocosms as a model system to develop and test oil drilling fluids that are more compatible with the environment.
- Drs. Mark Hester and Gary Shaffer are also funded (\$225,500) by Pioneer Petroleum Inc. and the U. S. Department of Energy to assess the suitability of employing processed drill cuttings as a substrate source for wetland rehabilitation (creation and restoration).
- The Southeastern Development Foundation received a gift of \$14,000 from Robert Brown plus an Exxon/Mobil Corporation match to support the research efforts of Dr. Phil Stouffer.

GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT and human relations

Investments Made

- Third-year funding support has been received for the Charles Redman Study Abroad Scholarship Program. Ten students will be awarded study abroad scholarships for Summer 2000.
- Over \$35,000 in other scholarships were offered outstanding students to participate in Southeastern's Summer 2000 Study Abroad Programs in Italy, France and Mexico.
- A new computer and printer were purchased for the Office of International Studies and Programs in Arts and Sciences.

Faculty Awards and Achievements:

- Dr. Teri Schaffer taught an intensive principles of marketing course to 40 students at the Reutlingen University during December 1999.
- Dr. Brad O'Hara team-taught an advertising class during the week of Thanksgiving to 30 students at Johannes Kepler University in Linz, Austria with Dr. Eric Brewster of the same school.
- Dr. Brad O'Hara was invited to teach during the Mardi Gras break at Ecole Superieure de Commerce Reims (Reims, France) in their prestigious International Management Program.
- Dr. Randy Settoon administered a Southeastern on-line management course to 40 students at the Reutlingen University during the fall semester.
- The College of Business, working in conjunction with the Department of Foreign Languages, structured an innovative study abroad program with Reutlingen University to begin in May 2000.
- Dr. Aristides Baraya and Dr. Brad O'Hara attended the annual meeting of the Union of Latin American Universities (UDUAL), the Association for Latin American and the Caribbean Universities in September 1999 in Mexico City. This meeting produced an accord that was recently signed by this association, HispanoAmerican Association of Research Centers and Telecommunication Companies (AHCJET) and Southeastern.
- Dr. Danilo Levi was selected among several area academicians to make a presentation concerning social development in Latin America at the IDB's annual meeting in April. Levi's presentation, entitled "The Role of International Cooperation", received positive reviews.
- Dr. Danilo Levi initiated a grant proposal that was submitted through MetroVision for \$2,161,160. The five year grant proposal, entitled "Sustainable Rural Development Through Micro Enterprises, focuses on social and economic development in Honduras.

Student Awards and Achievements

- Sixty students are scheduled to participate in Southeastern's summer study abroad programs in England, Scotland, Austria, France, Italy, Jamaica and Mexico.
- An MBA student from Japan Ken Okamoto was elected as a Student Government Senator.

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Activities /Special Events

- Members of the Southeastern International Committee participated, as special guests, in the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) Meeting in New Orleans.
- The President of the IDB, Mr. Enrique Iglesias, gave the Spring 2000 Commencement Address and was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Humanities degree.
- Mr. Larry Harrington, United States, IDB Director, Mr. Alberto Pico, IDB Controller, Mrs. Muni Figueres, IDB Director of External Relations and Mrs. Eva Rodriguez-Brana were all awarded Southeastern Louisiana University's Friendship Oak Award at Spring 2000 Commencement.
- Dr. Astrid Fischel, Vice President of Costa Rica was awarded an Honorary Doctorate in Humanities during her visit to Southeastern Louisiana University. She presented a lecture entitled "Women and Development."
- Consul General Gonzalo Calderon, Consul General of Costa Rica in New Orleans was awarded the "Friendship Oak" Award during Dr. Fischel's visit.
- The Honorable Rene Preval, President of Haiti, visited Southeastern and presented a lecture on human development in Haiti.
- Southeastern hosted Dr. Ashok Ullal, Dean, School of International Business, Reutlingen University, at its faculty convocation in August, 1999. Dr. Ullal was a keynote speaker at this event and represented our largest German student and faculty exchange partner.
- Southeastern's Executive MBA Program hosted its first annual "Executive-in-Residence," Mr. Graham Joscelyne, Auditor General of the World Bank in February.
- In February, Dr. Sara Meneses, Director, Cultural Programs, Organization of American States, presented a campus-wide lecture on Cultural Development in the Hemisphere.
- The Southeastern Louisiana University Public Broadcasting Station KSLU began broadcasting news from the British Broadcasting Company (BBC).
- The Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures organized the largest Foreign Language Festival ever in March 2000 with over 650 participants from 29 area schools. A number of dignitaries served as invited judges/guests including Pierre Cassan, Assistant General Secretary of the Haut Conseil de la Francophonie, Elisabeth Rosemberg, Linguistic Attaché with the French Cultural Services in New Orleans, and Eliane Levaque-De Pues, Permanent Representative of the Wallonie-Bruxelles Community.
- Ms. Josie Mercante commenced Southeastern's application for a "J" visa program (to be filed with USAID) that will provide Southeastern with more flexibility when international faculty, student, performers, lecturers and researchers are invited to attend/visit our campus.

Partnerships

- A "General Cooperation Agreement" was signed by President Sally Clausen, for Southeastern and Dr. Cesar Gaviria, Secretary General of the Organization of American States (OAS). This agreement will encourage the development of projects that promote culture, development, cultural diversity, dissemination and protection of cultural heritage, human resource training, the encouragement of creativity, and the development of cultural tourism.
- An "Agreement of Cooperation" between the Union of Latin American Universities (UDUAL), the HispanoAmerican Association of Research Centers and Telecommunication Companies (AHCJET) and Southeastern Louisiana University was signed by President Sally Clausen and Dr. Jorge Peralta, Academic Coordinator, UDUAL and Dr. Francisco Gomez-Alamido, General Secretary, AHCJET. The purpose of the agreement is to encourage the parties to develop projects that promote culture, science, information technology and telecommunications, academic activities and distance learning.
- Grupo TACA Airlines made a formal proposal in regard to special group and individual airfare for Southeastern travel to Grupo TACA cities in Latin America.
- Dr. Sally Clausen and Vice President of Costa Rica Dr. Astrid Fishel in November signed a formal agreement to promote and expand international academic and research programs of mutual interest to Southeastern and Costa Rica.
- Southeastern Louisiana University responding to an invitation from CODOFIL along with other Louisiana universities joined MICEFA, a Paris-based association of French Universities offering a wide range of study abroad and exchange opportunities.
- During a visit to Costa Rica at the invitation of Vice President Fischel, President Clausen signed a "Specific" and "General" Agreement with Dr. Gabriel Macaya Trejos, Rector of the University of Costa Rica (UCR). The agreement will facilitate exchange of students and faculty and open the door for collaboration between Southeastern Louisiana University and UCR.
- Mr. Larry Harrington and Mr. Robert McEntyre from the Inter-American Development Bank presented a seminar entitled "Doing Business with the IDB" at Southeastern's Economic Summit.
- Dr. Danilo Levi and Dr. Brad O'Hara visited Honduras in July as part of a delegation that included 50 Louisiana educators and business people interested in pursuing business opportunities in that country.
- Dr. Sally Clausen was a key speaker at the IDB press conference in April in New Orleans. It was announced during the press conference that Mr. Enrique Iglesias, President of the IDB, would be awarded an honorary doctorate at Southeastern's May 2000 graduation ceremonies.
- Southeastern Louisiana University was invited by the nation of Spain to establish a Center for the Study of Spanish Language and Hispanic Culture. The Center

will include research, the promotion of the teaching of Spanish and the training of teachers of Spanish, student and faculty exchange and the development of an interdisciplinary Foreign Language/International Business Masters Program.

Other

- A joint Arts and Sciences and Business Faculty Committee was appointed by Dean of Arts and Sciences John Miller and Dean of Business Mike Budden to explore the development of a major in International Studies.
- An English as a Second Language Program was initiated in the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures.
- Dr. Joseph Miller, former Dean of the College of Business and now Southeastern's Vice President for University Advancement, served as a member of the Program Review Team for the College of Business at Queensland University of Technology in Brisbane, Australia.

NURSING

Investments Made

- The School of Nursing received matching funds from the state to establish the Dr. Lucius D. McGehee Endowed Professorship in Nursing.
- Significant additional contributions have been made to the Melissa Claire Acosta Endowed Scholarship. The endowment is at \$45,000.
- The Dean Ellienne Tate Endowed Scholarship has been established with an endowment of \$10,467.
- A Health Farm Families Initiative Grant was funded for \$45,000.
- The School of Nursing submitted a Master of Science Nursing Traineeship Grant to the Division of Nursing, U.S. Public Health Service for \$290,000 (under review).
- Dr. Barbara Moffett received a \$1,600 grant award for a research project to study the "Relationship of the Affective Component of Caring to Burnout in Nurses."
- The Scholarship for Disadvantaged Students, U. S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources Services Administration, was renewed for 1999-2000 for \$40,776.
- Lettie Pate Nursing Scholarship Funds were renewed for 1999-2000 in the amount of \$20,000.
- Nursing purchased 24 new computers for faculty to allow access to the latest technology for classroom teaching and distance education initiatives.

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- Nursing also purchased 2 new laptop computers for use by students in making presentations.
- The School of Nursing submitted a Rural Health Grant to HRSA, Farm Worker Health Initiative, \$170,000 (in review).
- Development of Web-Based Computer Assisted Instruction Grant was funded for \$2000 to Ruth Rolling, Melissa Wafer, and Betty Guy.
- A Physical Health and Assessment Grant was funded for \$1,100 to Jean Urick.
- Enhancing Community Health Teaching, Project Planning, and Implementation Grant was funded for \$1,492 to Ruth Rolling, Dottie Kubricht, and Dr. Louise Lambert.
- Teaching Venipuncture to Initiate a Peripheral Intravenous Access Grant was funded for \$481.00 to Ruth Rolling and Betty Guy.
- Enhancing Teaching Psychomotor Skill in Nursing Competency Lab Grant was funded for \$1500 to Dr. Cathy Holland, Cynthia Logan, Dr. S. Kay Thornhill, Dr. Karen Moody, Dr. Susan Pryor, and Dr. Kathy Viator.
- Improving Student's Critical Thinking Skills: Linking Workplace Clinical Practice Experiences to Classroom Seminar grant was funded for \$1000 to Donna Hathorn and Mary Burke.
- \$19,000 of scholarship funds were available to students through the Department of Nursing.
- The School of Nursing implemented distance education courses in both the graduate and undergraduate nursing curricula.

Faculty Awards and Achievements

- Carolyn Davenport received the Certificate of Excellence from the National Organization of Associate Degree Nursing.
- Dr. Cynthia Prestholdt, named to Who's Who Among American Teachers, 2000 and nominated for Helen Creemens Excellence in Teaching Award, Baton Rouge Foundation.
- Dr. Karen Moody's dissertation won the LSU School of Vocational Education Outstanding Dissertation Award for 1999.
- Ms. Lorinda Sealy received the Perkins Fellowship at Louisiana State University for graduate study.
- Dr. Carol Lund was re-elected to Board of Directors, Louisiana Rural Health Association.
- Dr. Donnie Booth was appointed to the Louisiana Health Care Commission

- Dr. Donnie Booth was elected as vice-chair of the Louisiana Council of Administrators of Nursing Education.
- Dr. Donnie Booth was elected as a delegate from Louisiana to the American Nurses Association, House of Delegates.
- Ms. Georgia LaCour completed professional training and received certification as a Farm Safety Day Camp Coordinator, Omaha, NE.
- Dr. Kay Thornhill made 2 visits as a program evaluator for the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission.
- Dr. Barbara Moffett was appointed to serve on the Board of Directors of the Regina Coeli Head Start Center.
- Dr. Kay Thornhill served as a member of the Evaluation Review Panel for the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission.

Faculty Research, Scholarly Activity, and Creative Activity

- Larsen, L, Neverett, S. and Larsen, R. *Clinical Nurse Specialist as Facilitator of Interdisciplinary Collaborative Program for Adult Sickle Cell Population*. Clinical Nurse Specialist. Accepted for publication March 2000.
- Carruth, A. Holland, C., and Larsen, L. *Development and Psychometric Evaluation of the Caregiver Reciprocity Scale II*. Journal of Nursing Measurement, Accepted for publication March 2000.
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- Carruth, A and Booth, D. *Disciplinary Actions Against Nurses: Who is at Risk*. Journal of Nursing Law, November 1999.
- Rollant, D. and Hill, K. *Mosby's Rapid Review Series*.(Ed. 2nd). St. Louis: Mosby Publishing Co.
- "Meeting the Diverse Needs of Louisiana's Middle and High School Students: The History of School Based Clinics in Louisiana". Presentation at Louisiana State Nurses' Association Biennial Convention. Alexandria, LA. October 25, 1999. Dr. Cynthia Prestholdt.

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- *"Life Review Therapy as an Intervention to Manage Depression and Enhance Life Satisfaction in Individuals with Right Hemisphere Cerebral Vascular Accidents"*. Presentation at the 25th Annual Educational Conference for the Association of Rehabilitation Nurses. Annapolis, MD. November 3-6, 1999. Dr. Marsha Davis.
- *"Collaborating to Improve Immunization Surveillance and Health Care Among School Children: The Northeast Experience"*. Presentation at the Louisiana Assembly on School Based Health Care. Lafayette, LA. November 1, 1999. Dr. Cynthia Prestholdt.
- *"Implementing a Multidimensional Faculty Peer Evaluation Plan"*. Presentation at National Sigma Theta Tau Convention. San Diego, CA. November 1999. Dr. Barbara Moffett.
- *"Enhancing Quality Health Care in the Forgotten Children"*. Poster Presentation at Mosby's Faculty Institute. San Diego, CA. January 3, 2000. Georgia LaCour and Dr. Susan Pryor.
- *"Commitment to Care in the Health Care Reform Environment"*. Presentation at Southern Nursing Research Society 14th Annual Conference. Little Rock, AK. February 2000. Dr. Barbara Moffett.
- *"Injury Prevention Behaviors of Farm Mothers and Children"*. Presentation at the Southern Nursing Research Society 14th Annual Conference. Little Rock, AK. February, 2000. Dr. Ann Carruth.
- *"Web Page Design for Nursing Leaders"*, Presentation at the Emergency Nurses Association Leadership Symposium, Nashville, TN. February 26, 2000. Melissa Wafer.
- *"Family Health in Rural/Agricultural Settings"*. Presentation at Symposium of the 2000 Southern Nursing Research Society, 14th Annual Conference, Little Rock AK. February 4, 2000. Dr. Cynthia Prestholdt, Dr. Ann Carruth, Dr. Debra Reed(University of Kentucky), and Dr. Lana Skarke(Texas A&M University).
- *"Implementing Web Based Coursework for four Universities in the Intercollegiate Consortium for a Master of Science in Nursing"*. Presentation at the Stop Surfing-Start Teaching 2000 National Conference, Charleston, SC., February 2000. Dr. Emily Bond and Jean Urick.
- *"Continuing Education and the World Wide Web"*, Presentation at the Emergency Nurses Association Leadership Symposium, Nashville, TN. February 26, 2000. Melissa Wafer.
- *"Alternative Classroom: Online and Compressed Video to Teach Health Assessment Skills"*. Presentation at the Stop Surfing-Start Teaching 2000 National Conference, Charleston, SC., February 2000. Jean Urick and Dr.Emily Bond.

- *"The Yellow Brick Road to Technology: Enhanced Teaching and Learning"*. Presentation at the Stop Surfing-Start Teaching 2000 National Conference, Charleston, SC. February, 2000. Cathy Cormier.
- *"Continuing Education and the World Wide Web"*, Poster Presentation at the Creative Teaching In Nursing Education Conference, Memphis, TN. March 14, 2000, Melissa Wafer.
- *"Electronic Conversations in Cyberspace"*. Poster presentation at Creative Teaching Strategies for Nurse Educators Conference, Memphis, TN. March 14-15, 2000.
- *"Implementation and Outcomes of a Collaborative Interdisciplinary Program for Adult Sickle Cell Population"*. Presentation at Connie Logan Research Day, Baton Rouge, LA. April 2000. Dr. Laura Larsen and Susan Neverett.
- *"Adult Development and Therapeutic Approaches"*, Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center, Mental and Behavioral Health Department, March, 2000. Betsy Tackney.
- *"Caregiver Reciprocity Scale II"*. Presentation at Dr. Linda C. Jones Memorial Research Day, Linking Education, Research and Practice in Contemporary Health Care Environments, Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center, School of Nursing and Epsilon Nu Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Honor Society, New Orleans, LA. March 2000. Dr. Laura Larsen, Dr. Ann Carruth, and Dr. Cathy Holland.
- *"Injury Prevention Behaviors of Farm Women and Children"*. Presentation at National Conference on Agricultural Safety and Health in a New Century. Cooperstown, NY. April, 2000. Dr. Ann Carruth.
- *"Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening & Detection Behaviors Among Farm Women"*. Presentation at National Conference on Agricultural Safety and Health in a New Century. Cooperstown, NY. April, 2000. Dr. Ann Carruth.
- *"Fall Into Farm Safety: One School's Approach to Safety and Health for Children of a Farming Community"*. Presentation at National Conference on Agricultural Safety and Health in a New Century. Cooperstown, NY. April, 2000. Dr. Cynthia Prestholdt.
- *"A Framework for Improving the Health and Safety Outcomes for Farm Women and Children: From Seed to Sapling"*. Presentation at National Conference on Agricultural Safety and Health in a New Century. Cooperstown, NY. April, 2000. Dr. Barbara Moffett.
- *"Farm Women and Stress: The Impact of Lifestyle and Health"*. Presentation at National Conference on Agricultural Safety and Health in a New Century. Cooperstown, NY. April, 2000. Cindy Logan.

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- *"Women in Agriculture: Risk and Injury Experience on Family Farms"*. Presentation at National Conference on Agricultural Safety and Health in a New Century. Cooperstown, NY. April, 2000. Dr. Ann Carruth.
- *"One Plus One is Greater Than Two: Building Agricultural Health Partnerships"*. Presentation at National Conference on Agricultural Safety and Health in a New Century. Cooperstown, NY. April, 2000. Dr. Ann Carruth.
- *"Distance Learning: ICSMN Consortium for Graduate Nursing Education in Louisiana"*. Presentation at LSU Distance Education Forum. April, 2000. Sandra Brown(Southern Univ.), Carolyn Delahoussaye(Univ. of La. At Lafayette), Kay Thornhill, and Peggy Wolfe(McNeese).
- *"A Basket Case: Nursing Care Planning"*, Presentation at Nursing Education 2000, Washington, DC. Accepted for presentation on June 2-4, 2000. Carolyn Davenport

Research In Progress

- Implementation and Outcomes of a Collaborative Interdisciplinary Program for Adult Sickle Cell Population, Dr. Laura Larsen and Susan Neverett (OLOL).
- Development and Psychometric Evaluation of the Caregiver Reciprocity Scale II, Dr. Ann Carruth, Dr. Laura Larsen, and Dr. Cathy Holland.
- Spirituality and Chronic Illness, Penny Dyess.
- Alterations in Perceived Self-Determination in Health Behaviors Through Adolescence, In year 5 of a five year study, Dr. Susan Pryor
- The Effects of Two Instructional Methods on Higher Order Thinking Skills in Beginning Baccalaureate Nursing Students Taking an Introductory Pharmacology Course, Dr. Karen Hill
- The Impact of Health Care Reform on Nursing Practice, Dr. Karen Hill
- Use of Group Testing as a Collaborative Approach in Nursing Courses, Dr. Karen Hill
- Disciplinary Action and Registered Nurses, Dr. Donnie Booth and Dr. Ann Carruth

Student Awards and Achievement

- The Southeastern Student Nurses Association received the following awards at the Louisiana Association of Student Nurses Convention, 1st prize for best Newsletter, 1st place in the Talent Show, 3rd place for Scrapbook Cover, and 3rd place for Image of Nursing award.
- Meghann M. Cassidy was named Phi Kappa Phi Outstanding Junior in Nursing

- 14 students attended the National Association of Student Nurses Annual Convention in Salt Lake City Utah, April 2000.
- Student Nurses Association won the top award in the Mission of Caring Community Service Project at LASN State Convention for collection of used film containers to be used for pill bottles in underserved countries. Students at Southeastern Louisiana University collected 17,091.
- The Student Nurses Association organized and participated in the Food Drive for the Greater Baton Rouge Area
- The Student Nurses Association sponsored and worked the Alliance House Halloween party.
- 2 students were elected to state offices in the Louisiana Student Nurses Association.
- Southeastern's Student Nurses Association participated with 3 other Schools of Nursing in hosting a Health Fair at Cortana Mall in Baton Rouge.
- The Student Nurses Association sponsored 3 blood drives at the Baton Rouge Campus
- The Student Nurses Association sponsored an annual Career Day
- 3 Students attended Leadership Camp sponsored by the LASN.
- 20 of our junior students were certified as nurse aides through the School of Nursing.

Graduate Placement

- 100% of graduates responding indicated employment following graduation and licensure.
- 92.3% of the December graduates passed the National Council Licensure Examination.(1999 national average was 84.8% and state average 90.1%)
- 100% of the graduates of the Nurse Practitioner Program sitting for the National Certification Examination in Adult Health passed.

Accomplishments of Alumni

- The following alumni were named STAR performers at North Oaks Health Systems: Darlene Baldes, Leslie Joiner, Dennis Legarde, Kristi Moody, Keri Moore, Debbie Ricks, Lynn Springmann, Terri Tillis and Janet Zeigler.
- Glenda Natale ran for House of Representative seat in Fall elections

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- Pat Davidson successfully won her race for coroner of Livingston Parish in the Fall Elections.
- Grethen Drinkard is serving as the Coordinator of the Family Nurse Practitioner Program at the University of Missouri, St. Louis

Activities/Special Events

- Coordinated the Louisiana School Nurses Organization Professional Growth Seminar, "School Nurses Plant Seeds of Good Health," Bossier City, LA. October 6-8, 1999.
- Coordinated the Tangipahoa District Nurses Association Continuing Education Activity, "Sowing the Seeds of Health: Working with a Farm Community". Hammond, LA, January 25, 2000.
- Coordinated the Southeastern Louisiana University Honor Society continuing Education Activity, "Leadership for The Millennium". Denham Springs, LA, January 17, 2000.
- Three faculty participated in National Groundhog Shadowing Day with high school students from area schools.
- Participated in Lunch and Learn, Cardiovascular Health and CPR in Rural Working Women, Washington Parish, April 2000. Joint Project with LSU Agricultural Center.
- Students and faculty work with Myriam's House, a shelter for battered women, in doing health fairs.
- Provided a First Aid Strategies Program at the Walker Revival Temple, Walker, LA. Capstone Community project in collaboration with the Livingston Extension Service, April 2000.

K-12 Partnerships

- Chesbrough Elementary School, "Fall Into Farm Safety," Capstone Community Project. Rural Safety Day that targeted over 400 elementary school children. Collaborated with the school, numerous agricultural entities, Agricultural Extension Service, private enterprises, local fire departments, and Acadian Ambulance. November 1999.
- Prescott Middle School, "A Day for Champs," Capstone Community Project.
- Used Clothing Distribution and Health Resources Information Fair. March 25, 2000. Collaboration with school personnel and Health Care Center.
- Loranger High School, "March into Good Health," Capstone Community Project.

- Teaching First Aid Strategies, prevention of tobacco use, and health careers information. March 27, 2000. Collaboration with school nurse, school personnel, Hammond AHEC, Acadian Ambulance, and Local Fire Department and EMS.
- Folsom Junior High, "Spring Into Health," Capstone Community Project.
- Teaching nutrition; hygiene; dental care; and alcohol, tobacco, and drug awareness/prevention. April 4, 2000. Collaboration with school nurse and school personnel.
- Northeast High School, "Health Education for 7th and 8th Graders," Capstone Community Project. April 17, 2000. Collaboration with Health Care Center on site and school personnel.
- Dutch Town Middle School, Progressive Farmer sponsored Safety Day Camp, May 2000.
- Walker Elementary, First Aid/Emergency Measures, Capstone Community Project, March 2000.

Business and Industry Partnerships

- Participated in Shots for Tots Program in partnership with Tangipahoa Parish Health Unit (Office of Public Health) at Hammond Square Mall.
- Collaborated with Region 9, Immunization Specialist to offer tetanus and flu vaccinations to adults attending the Livingston Parish Fair, Washington Parish Fair and Strawberry Festival.
- Developed Violence Prevention Resource Booklet in collaboration with Baton Rouge Mayor's office and YWCA of Baton Rouge. Developed and distributed the guide and assisted at a citywide conference regarding strategies for prevention of violence in the community. November 1999.
- Several of our faculty serve as consultants to community agencies such as the Council on Aging.
- Collaborate with Parish Home Economists through LSU Agricultural Center to offer various screenings and health educational programs.

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INTEGRATED TEACHER PREPARATION

Investments Made

- Southeastern's College of Education awarded its first two endowed professorships, the Merritt Family Endowed Professorship and the Schlieder Foundation Endowed Professorship to faculty this Spring. Dr. Karen McCormick was selected as the Merritt Family Endowed Scholar and will conduct research in oral and written speech of teacher education students. Dr. Rita Richardson was selected as the Schlieder Foundation Endowed Professor and will conduct research in special education.
- Over \$75,000 of University funds were invested in state-of-the-art computer and related equipment for teacher education faculty in the Integrated Teacher Preparation program.

Faculty Awards and Achievements

- Six Teacher Preparation faculty members served on editorial review boards for refereed journals during academic year 1999 – 2000. In addition, Dr. Beth Wadlington was the Editor of the LaBIDA Journal (Louisiana Branch of the International Dyslexia Society), a state journal for dyslexia. Dr. John Trowbridge served as the Editor of the Technology Newsletter which is the national newsletter for the National Association of Gifted Children. Dr. Cynthia Tricou was the Editor of Reading: Exploration and Discovery, the journal of the Louisiana Reading Association.
- Five Teacher Preparation faculty served as reviewers of proposals for national conferences including the National Reading Conference (NRC) and the National Association of Multicultural Education (NAME).
- Southeastern's College of Education faculty serve as leaders and officers in numerous professional organizations. Dr. Sara Bidner served as Southern Division Chair of the Society for Music Educators, and is President-Elect of the National Society for Music Educators. Dr. John Trowbridge and Dr. Celina Echols served as Treasurers for the National Marine Educators Association and the National Association of Multicultural Education respectively. In addition, Dr. Echols also served on the Board of Directors for the National Association of Multicultural Association.
- Dr. Cynthia Elliott organized the first statewide National Board for Professional Teaching Standards meeting and support seminar for over 50 teachers from all parts of Louisiana. Louisiana educators who are NBPTS-certified served as mentors for those seeking the certification. Funding for this endeavor was acquired through State Farm Insurance.

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Faculty Research, Scholarly Activity, and Creative Activity

- During the Spring 2000 semester, teacher preparation faculty were engaged in a high level of scholar productivity. They report that 14 articles were published in nationally refereed journals such as National Science Teachers Association's Science Teacher, The Journal of General Education, and The Journal of National Laboratory Schools. Three articles were published in refereed journals at the state level. Three book chapters were published along with one book, 125 Ways to be a Better Reader, by Dr. Beth Wadlington and Dr. Paula Currie. Dr. Vickie Benson has a book under review, The Power of Retelling.
- Also this Spring, faculty made numerous presentations at conferences: 33 at national and international conferences, four at regional conferences, and 19 at state conferences.

Student Awards and Achievements/Graduate Placement

- In 1999 – 2000, the College of Education graduated 39 students, a record number in the restructured master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction. These students are completing graduate degrees in concentration areas that were previously not available to them, such as English as a Second Language (ESL) and Technology.
- Sandy Einsel, a recent graduate in the Technology concentration of the M.Ed. Curriculum and Instruction program is now a Program Developer in Distance Learning and Outreach Technology at Auburn University, Auburn, Alabama.
- Three of Southeastern's graduate Counselor Education students have been accepted into doctoral programs, two at Virginia Tech and one at the University of Texas.
- Janice Moritz, a graduate Counselor Education student from LaPlace, scored the highest in the nation on the Counselor Preparation Comprehensive Examination (CPCE).

Activities/Special Events

- During spring 2000, the University implemented two Learning Communities for preservice educators. In a learning community, students move between two classes as a common group and work on integrated projects that fulfill requirements for both classes. The Learning Community instructors collaborate on teaching methodologies and curriculum planning.
- "Creating A Discourse Community For Teacher Educators" was based on the principle that speaking and writing are essential career skills for teachers. By merging, refining, and changing the dialogue of English 102 (Freshman Composition) and Communication 211 (Introduction to Public Speaking) within the Learning Community, participating prospective teachers developed more positive attitudes toward speaking and writing, a heightened respect for their own abilities as speakers and writers, and enhanced abilities to serve as literacy models in their own classrooms. In addition, the community featured special topics and guest lecturers from the field of education. Students integrated

technology throughout the learning process. The Teacher Education liaison for this project was Dr. Karen Hicks-McCormick.

- "Embracing Our Common Exceptionalities In Learning, Teaching, and Writing" combined Special Education 200 (Characteristics of Exceptional Children) taught by Dr. Carol Torrey and English102 (Freshman Composition). The community explored legal and legislative issues concerning learner exceptionalities, examined disability classifications, discussed teaching applications, and completed a meaningful community project. The students used their writing in the composition course to deepen and communicate their thinking about these topics and experiences, learned the expository modes of writing suitable to their purposes as educators, and practiced using research tools and strategies that support their roles as educators.
- In Summer 2000, Southeastern offered online courses in methods and curriculum in English as a Second Language (ESL) for 6 credit hours which will make widely available these certification courses in the critical shortage area of ESL.
- The College of Education continued to offer six professional education courses for alternative certification during Spring Semester 2000 by distance learning. 112 students participated in these courses.

Partnerships

- Faculty served in 21 consultancies with local school districts. Their primary purpose was to assist schools in improving K-12 student achievement. For example, Dr. Lori Brocato is working through Project CREATE to provide support to mentor teachers in Tangipahoa Parish.
- The Dean of the College and four faculty served in consultancies with the Louisiana Department of Education. Dr. Jeanne Burns is on leave from Southeastern to serve in the Governor's Office and is Chair of the Blue Ribbon Commission, a special task force for improvement of teacher education in Louisiana. Dr. Stephen Ragan is a member of the Blue Ribbon Commission, representing the Louisiana Association of Colleges for Teacher Education. Dr. Cynthia Elliott is a member of the Blue Ribbon Commission, working on early literacy and language arts standards. Ms. Sharon O'Meallie is also on the Blue Ribbon Commission in the area of math education. Dr. Delores Simoneaux is a member of MATT, a state-wide think tank on teaching/learning of mathematics.
- Southeastern's Counselor Education program formed a partnership with the Tangipahoa Parish School Board and the Hammond City Court to promote the "Vision in Prevention" program. The program places graduate counseling interns in middle schools in Hammond, Ponchatoula, Amite and Independence.

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- The Teacher Scholars Program has added Ascension Parish and two schools to its list of participants. Existing partner parishes, Livingston and Tangipahoa, continued in the program during 1999 – 2000. Five first-year teachers who participated in the program wrote grants and received funding for a state beginning teacher grant program. Two Teacher Scholars participants presented at the National Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development conference.
- The Louisiana Principal Internship Program continues to impact large numbers of beginning school leaders. Southeastern's Louisiana Principal Internship program has served over 1,000 principals since 1993 and is serving over 300 in 1999 – 2000 in this program. Partnerships in sponsoring this program include the Council for a Better Louisiana, Community Coffee, and Hibernia National Bank.

BASIC STUDIES

Investments Made

- The current TRIO Programs at Southeastern have a combined annual funding of \$1,978,224. Administered through the College of Basic Studies, these unique programs provide fundamental academic enrichment to high school and college-level participants, thereby ensuring academic readiness for college and a smooth transition to the collegiate environment. The TRIO programs include:
- Regional Math/Science Upward Bound - 60 high school students participate annually from Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas. 1999 - 2000 Funding Level: \$ 308,394.
- Upward Bound - Tangipahoa Parish serves 75 students annually from Amite, Hammond, Independence, Kentwood, Loranger, Ponchatoula, and Sumner High Schools. 1999 - 2000 Funding Level: \$ 320,885.
- Upward Bound - Livingston/St. Helena Parishes 55 students annually in Albany, Denham Springs Freshman, Denham Springs, Doyle, French Settlement, Holden, Live Oak, Maurepas, Springfield, St. Helena, and Walker High Schools. 1999 - 2000 Funding Level: \$ 240,377.
- Talent Search program serves 875 6th through 12th grade students from Albany High, Albany Middle, Bogalusa High, Bogalusa Junior High, Doyle Elementary, Doyle High, Frost Elementary, Hammond Eastside Upper, Hammond High, Hammond Junior High, Hammond Westside Upper, Holden High, Martha Vinyard Elementary, Maurepas High, Nesom Middle, Northwood Charter, Ponchatoula High, Ponchatoula Junior High, Springfield High, Springfield Middle, and Sumner High Schools. 1999 - 2000 Funding Level: \$ 288,910.
- Veterans Upward Bound serves 120 military veterans annually from Ascension, East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Iberville, Livingston, St. Helena, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, Washington, and West Baton Rouge Parishes. 1999 - 2000 Funding Level: \$ 304,942.
- The Educational Opportunity Center served 1,250 participants from Ascension, East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Iberville, Jefferson, Livingston, Orleans, St.

Bernard, St. Charles, St. Tammany, St. John the Baptist, Tangipahoa, Washington, and West Baton Rouge Parishes. 1999 - 2000 Funding Level: \$ 284,901.

- Student Support Services (SSS) served 264 Southeastern students in Fall 1999 and 261 students in Spring 2000. 1999- 2000 Funding Level: \$229,815.

Faculty Awards and Achievements

- The High School Cooperative Agreement (HSCA) program was established by the College of Basic Studies in 1998 as a transitional program to prepare high school seniors for freshmen level English and mathematics. The program is currently one of 96 semifinalists in a pool of over 1,300 applicants for a grant in the Innovations in American Government Awards competition, a program of The Ford Foundation and Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government.
- The HSCA program was also selected as one of 19 finalists for the American Council on Education (ACE) Academic Excellence and Cost Management National Awards Program.
- Faculty member John Hoover won the J. J. Ewell Outstanding Developmental Educator Award for the state.

Faculty Research, Scholarly Activity, and Creative Activity

- "Reducing the Cost of Remediation: A Partnership with High Schools" was published in *Research & Teaching in Developmental Education*, Volume 16, Issue 2, Spring 2000, co-authored by Sarah Spence, Gwen Autin, and Sally Clausen.
- A presentation on the High School Cooperative Agreement was at the National Association for Developmental Education (NADE) Conference, Biloxi, Mississippi.
- The HSCA was cited as a model for meeting developmental course requirements while students are still enrolled in high school. Methodology was shared by panel presentation at the Louisiana Association for Developmental Education Conference in Oct. 1999.
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- Hicks, K. F., & Simpson, P. L. (1999). Breaking Louisiana's reading barriers in the upper grades: Reading Exploration and Discovery, 19(2), 45-53.
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Activities/Special Events

- Committed to a reduction in developmental education, the College of Basic Studies has reduced the number of annual SCHs for developmental courses by 35%.
- Two on-line developmental mathematics classes employing "Blackboard" electronic delivery and the web-based supplemental tool ALEKS were initiated in Spring 2000.
- The use of graphing calculators in the teaching of developmental mathematics was further enriched by the use of Computer-based Rangers (CBR's), and computer-based laboratories to enable students to produce and analyze data in real world settings.
- Career Planning 304, a course to teach self-marketing skills and assist graduates with job search strategies, was offered via Blackboard. Students met with the instructor only for individual and group conferences. One-on-one contact significantly increased.
- The College of Basic Studies piloted student advising via e-mail. 375 students took advantage of this program and the number of student contacts with the advisor increased.
- A new course Freshman Seminar 301 was developed. This leadership course is for orientation leaders and others interested in becoming student ambassadors for Southeastern. Students receive National Certification as Peer Educators at completion of the course with a passing grade on a National Exam. These campus leaders then serve as peer mentors in the Freshman Seminar courses offered at Southeastern.
- University 102 is a new course designed to assist those students who have been suspended from the university and need help within a special discipline. Two tutors assist in the classroom. One hour of classroom instruction and two hours of tutoring weekly are part of the course.
- One hundred-eighty freshmen enrolled in Interdisciplinary Content Reading 101 participated in a minimum of six hours of service learning activities which engaged students in service within the community as an integrated aspect of the course. The students read aloud to small children at various sites in five surrounding parishes. Many of these students expressed an interest in elementary education as a career and listed these activities as positive college experiences.
- The College of Basic Studies develop an Academic Support Lab for drop-in or scheduled tutoring for students in need of assistance. In this pilot program, over 500 students were served during the 1999 – 2000 academic year with recorded tutoring hours in excess of 2000.

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K - 12 Partnerships

- The College of Basic Studies initiated the development of seven new articulation agreements with St. Tammany Parish Schools' Career Academies. Southeastern courses involved are Communications 211, Family and Consumer Science 231, Nursing 214, Computer Science 161 and 120, Education 101, and Criminal Justice 101. Students are awarded college credit upon successful completion of an agreed-upon series of high school courses, successful completion of a university-designed and administered assessment, and enrollment at Southeastern Louisiana University.
- The High School Cooperative Agreement (HSCA) was expanded to include a total of 7 parishes and 15 schools. In the Fall 1999, 67% of participating high school seniors met their developmental requirements in high school through successful portfolio assessment or through an increase in ACT scores. In Spring 2000, about 270 students participated. Preliminary results indicate that 81% (108/133) of the seniors participating in the English program met their developmental English requirement and are eligible to enroll in Freshman English upon entry to the University. 86% (115/133) of the seniors participating in the mathematics program met their developmental math requirement and are eligible to enroll in College Algebra. As a result of meeting their developmental requirements in high school, these students will realize approximately \$108,00 dollars in tuition savings, and the state will realize approximately \$201,000 in state appropriation savings (at the current 57% rate of formula funding).
- In both agreements, the impact for successful students will be tuition savings for these college courses and advanced progression toward graduation upon entry in Southeastern.

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