

LOUISIANA ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Mission Statement: To promote the development, improvement, and extension of educational opportunities to every student in the state of Louisiana...

ABOUT LASAP

The purpose of LASAP is the development, improvement, and extension of educational opportunities to every student in the state regardless of race, creed, or physical limitation who, because of financial, cultural, or educational factors have not yet developed to his/her fullest potential.

LASAP is a member of the Southwest Association of Student Assistance Program (SWASAP) and the Council for Opportunity in Education (COE).

LASAP is a duly constituted Non-Profit Association with a 501 (c) (3) status under the laws of the State of Louisiana and will always maintain and conduct its business as so not to be in conflict with any provisions of the Internal Revenue Code, which govern Non-Profit Corporations.

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MASK UP LASAPIANS!



Front row: LASAP Past Presidents, Dr. Shrylin Davis & Ms. Cheryle Wheeler-Johnson
Back row: LASAP President, Dr. Jamie Flanagan & LASAP Board Rep. Mr. Andre Varnado

Ms. Cheryle Wheeler-Johnson and Dr. Shrylin Davis both past presidents for LASAP, served as proxies for SWASAP board meeting in Albuquerque, New Mexico – August 4-6, 2021.



Congratulations to all the Talent Search Programs awarded for the next five years

13 Talent Search Programs Serving Louisiana

LA	COPE Inc. #2
LA	Dillard University
LA	Southeastern Louisiana University
LA	Southeastern Louisiana University
LA	Southern University and A&M College
LA	Southern University and A&M College
LA	Southern University at New Orleans
LA	Southern University at Shreveport
LA	University of Louisiana at Lafayette
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LA	University of Louisiana at Monroe
LA	University of New Orleans





UPWARD BOUND TRIO PROGRAM

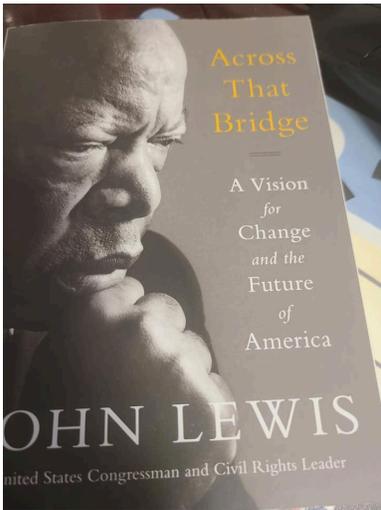
BRCC TRIO Forms “Good Trouble” Book Club Chapter

The BRCC Upward Bound TRIO programs, in conjunction with the Council for Opportunity in Education (COE), formed its summer book club chapter. The Good Trouble Book Club: Engaging Youth in a National Conversation about the Future of America focused on "Across the Bridge" by the late Congressman and civil rights leader John Lewis. In the book, Lewis draws from his experience as a prominent civil rights movement leader to offer timeless wisdom, poignant recollections, and powerful principles for anyone interested in challenging injustices and inspiring real change toward a freer, more peaceful society.

As a component of Upward Bound’s virtual component, all UB students read the book as part of their summer reading elective class and participated in COE’s group discussions with prominent national leaders. We were excited to have our students engage with prominent leader facilitators on the topic of “good trouble” as a response to social injustice and inspiration for real change in our world,” said Dr. Simon, Director of TRIO Programs at BRCC. The first national speaker was Dr. Arnold Mitchem, COE President Emeritus, a real treat for our students. Dr. Mitchem's amazing session was followed by U.S. Representative Gwen Moore (d-WI), former National TRIO Dr. Harry Williams, President and CEO of the Thurgood Marshall College Fund. The final speaker was U.S. Secretary of Education Dr. Miguel Cardona, who provided invaluable advice to Symrah George, a rising senior at East Feliciana High School.

The perspectives of these visionary leaders inspired our students. They learned the essence of getting into "Good Trouble," which in Lewis words means the kind of trouble you can be proud of, as well as standing up to authority for what you believe. John Lewis says in his book, "Get in good trouble, necessary trouble, and help redeem the soul of America." Our students learned that they must be the change in their community that they wish to see. Congresswoman Gwen Moore shared with the students her recollections of getting into good trouble with Congressman John Lewis. She reminded us that we must "get in the way" and stand for what we believe in to engage in "good and necessary trouble". It may include writing or calling elective officials or organizing a march against police brutality and discrimination. Our students grasped the valuable lesson in getting into "Good Trouble" to fight for racial





As a final project, the students reflected on the lessons learned from reading *Across the Bridge* and participating in the national book club discussions. Kadence Harrell, a 9th grader at East Feliciana High, wrote, "He (John Lewis) starts Chapter 1 by talking about faith. Faith for him is, "knowing in the solid core of your soul that work is already done, even as an idea is being conceived in your mind." This gave me a different view of faith. I always thought of faith as believing in yourself. This shows that it is not always about believing in yourself. It is about going with your gut feeling and trusting it was right. Faith is everything." The BRCC UB Program will continue the book club by engaging local community leaders to discuss the chapters from the book in the fall. Our students will also participate in the Civic Engagement project. They will design a project exploring Congressman John Lewis's principles of "good trouble" as a response to today's social injustice." COE will hold a competition among the projects to be judged by a panel of community engagement experts to judge electronic poster presentations. COE will recognize students from the winning Books Clubs at the annual COE conference in Atlanta.




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Midwestern Adventure: Chicago Summer Trip

UB Students had the opportunity to travel to Chicago, Illinois for their summer cultural trip. We visited attractions like the Shedd Aquarium, Medieval Times, Millennium Park, and "The Tilt" Skydeck. On day three, students traveled to Milwaukee to attend the Harley-Davidson Museum and tour Marquette University where we had lunch at the newly modeled cafeteria. Later that evening, we had a blast at Six Flags Great America. Some of the other attractions and activities included the Centennial Wheel at Navy Pier, Lunch at Dave & Busters, Tram Ride to the Top of Gateway Arch followed by a Saint Louis Cardinals baseball game. On our way back home, we stopped off in Memphis, TN to visit the famous Beale Street!

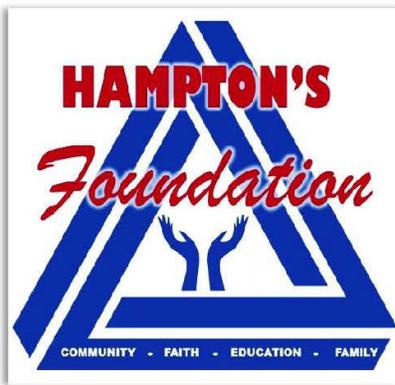




“TRIO WORKS” Through Former Upward Bound Participant

By
Timothy Williams, Project Advisor (SUBR UBMS)

Winston Churchill once said that “*we make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give.*”¹ This point was very evident on August 6, 2017, when former Southern University–Baton Rouge Upward Bound participant Rotrell Hampton and his non-profit organization *Hampton’s Foundation* made its debut to the residents of Baton Rouge.



On that day, Hampton’s Foundation launched its first annual back to school giveaway to help area children with needed school supplies and book bags. Not only did the organization help with supplies, but they also provided educational and social resources to families in attendance. Four years later, Rotrell is back giving hope to the parents and students in Baton Rouge with the same compassion and dedication.

Hampton’s Foundation has a spirited mission that promotes four core beliefs: *Community, Faith, Education, and Family.*



SUBR UBMS Project Advisor Timothy Williams (l) and Hampton’s Foundation founder Rotrell Hampton (r)

Rotrell is determined to make a difference in his community by instilling the belief that one person can make a difference. He credits his time in the Upward Bound program at Southern University for allowing him to develop as a student, a parent, and a citizen. Upward Bound taught him the importance of preparing yourself for success and using your talents and skills to help others be successful.

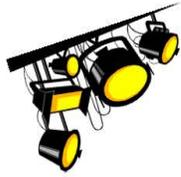


August 2021 Back to School giveaway and community event

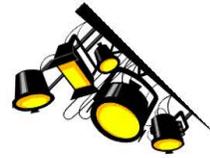
On August 7, 2021, Rotrell sponsored his fourth annual back to school giveaway. Over two hundred students were served and parents were provided social and educational resources from the Southern University Upward Bound Programs, East Baton Rouge Parish Library, Community Policing Division of the EBR Sheriff’s Office, Baton Rouge Police Department, La Belle Aire Elementary School, and other community support partners.

Truly, Rotrell Hampton and *Hampton’s Foundation* manifest the charge of **TRIO WORKS** and are looking to continue that mission for years to come.

¹ <http://www.motivationalwellbeing.com/55-meaningful-quotes-about-helping-others.html>



Southern University at New Orleans
Talent Search Summer Activities Spotlight



The following students were our “*Students of the Week*” during our 20-21 Summer Activities Program. Each student excelled in different categories of ACT Mastery Prep!

Week 1

Miss Anarie Sims



Week 2

Miss Calwanna Bridges



Week 3

Miss Anijah Dunn



Week 4

Mr. Brandon Horne



Thank you to all the students who participated in our Virtual Summer ACT Prep Course.

UPWARD BOUND PROGRAM



Southern University at New Orleans **TRIO**



SUNO Upward Bound was given the opportunity to welcome students back on campus for the 2021 Summer Component. Our students have shown resilience in their efforts as they followed the CDC guidelines and practiced social distancing. This summer we had the pleasure of building robotics with Lead, Follow, Or Get out of the way. Our students made this summer exciting with weekly fun such as Motivational Mondays, TikTok Tuesday, Wild n' Out Wednesdays and activities each Thursday, which included Movie Day and Painting with a Twist. We held our Annual Play and Awards Ceremony this year in the Millie M. Charles School of Social Work Auditorium on our campus. Each student contributed to the play by participating in dance, art, or drama. The Play was based on the original Coming to America movie starring Eddie Murphy. Our version of the play was adopted and written by Mrs. Carol Righteous our programs' Instructional Coordinator. The play displayed all of the students' hard work and beautiful artwork by one of our very own seniors Alena Irvin. We ended the summer off with an informative College Tour in Atlanta, Ga where the students toured Georgia Tech, Spelman University, and Morehouse College. The students also got to visit the Civil Rights Museum, Martin Luther King's childhood home, and he and his wife burial plot. We are so proud of our students and look forward to welcoming them back this Fall!





Southern University at New Orleans Math/Science Upward Bound



College Day

Kick'in It In The Classroom

Southern University at New Orleans Upward Bound Math and Science Program hosted their 4th Annual Summer Academy. After a year and three months of wanting to embrace each other again, we were finally given the opportunity. This summer we are back in the classroom hosting a hybrid summer program. Participants of the program attended in person and online classes for six weeks, Monday –Friday. The summer component consisted of core subjects such as English, Math, Science, and Foreign Language. In addition to the core curriculum, students participated in Lead Follow or Get Out Of The Way STEM and Leadership Program. The activities for the summer included; candle making, shirt design, robotics, forensic science, tutoring, and spirit week. Also, speakers were invited to talk about the importance of financial literacy. Students were provided with supplies to accommodate their needs in completing the summer program. Supplies included a backpack with binder, paper, pencils, pens, STEM materials for science and tech activities, and a flash drive. Assignments and exams were completed using Google Classroom. We are looking forward to the upcoming academic year.





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We had an amazing summer!

For 6-weeks, students worked hard to improve their test-taking skills with English and Math ACT prep, but also enjoyed learning sign-language, fine arts and digital media. In addition, students engaged in a mentoring program, which enabled them to learn skills to develop meaningful relationships and grow both personally, and as successful students.

Submitted by: Nancy King, MSW

Associate Director, Project REACH and Jefferson Upward Bound



Cooking classes with Chef Byron Baily, NOLA Southern Food and Beverage Museum – students engaged in creating one pot healthy dishes from preparation, to cooking, to clean-up during 3 separate cooking sessions



Glam U Academy with Ms. Tiffany LeBlanc, Founder & President – students participated in lessons that focused on beauty, fashion, modeling and confidence building



Digital Media with Dan Rule, Associate Professor, Department of Fine Arts, UNO School of the Arts – students participated in learning the basics of photoshop and produced a series of digital collages and images.



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Sign-Language (ASL) with Ms. Barbara Lovas – students learned the basics of American Sign Language including the alphabet, common words/phrases, hand movements, facial expressions and body posture



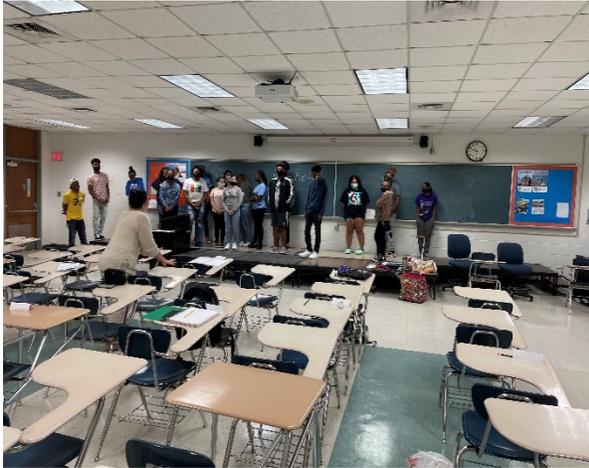
Ceramics with Mr. Kjelshus Collins (not pictured) – students created pinch pots and figurative pieces using clay, carving tools and paints



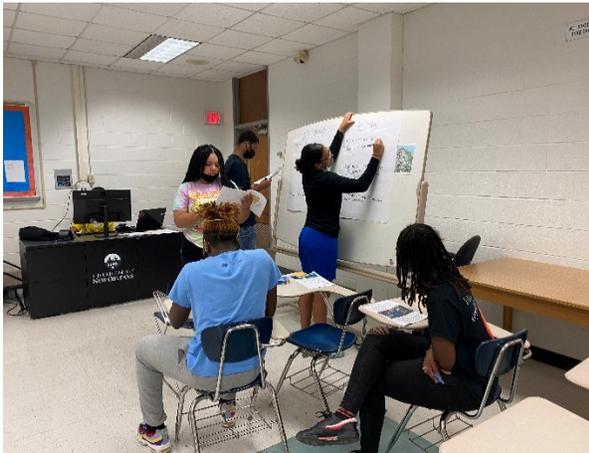
Brothers at Peace with Mr. Ronald Scott, Founder/Executive Director – students participated in sessions to explore trust, communication, self-development, love and growth through team building, dialog, and guest speakers



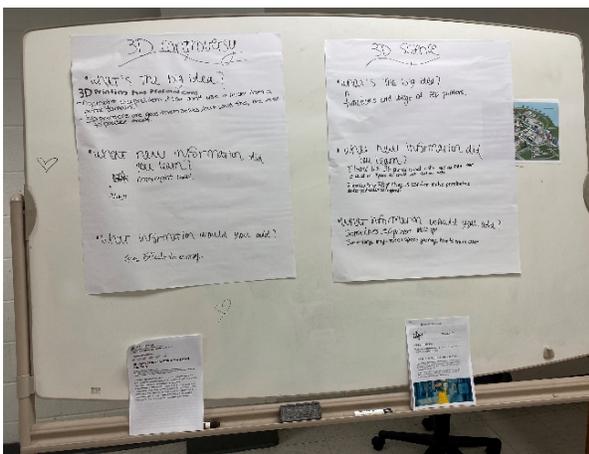
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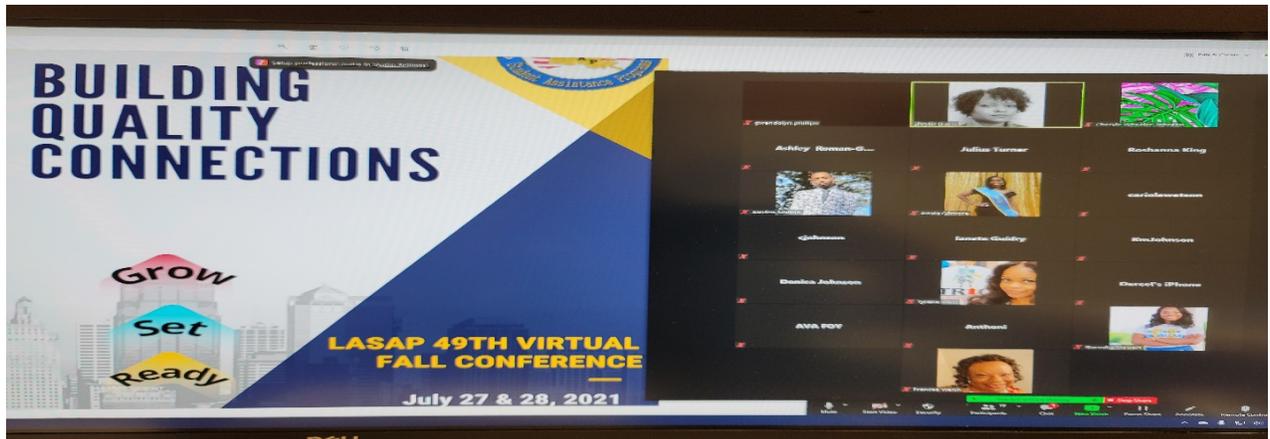


How to enhance English/Writing and Math skills with ACT Prep presented by Ms. Kelly Miranda, Mastery Prep



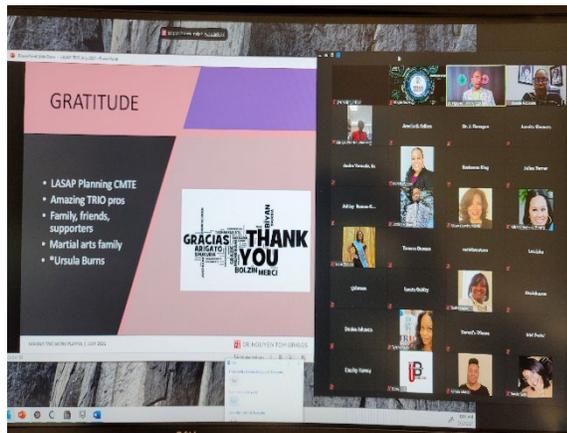
3-D Printing with Ms. Lauren Gauthier, Project PASS Program Advisor and Ms. Kenya Peters, Project REACH Program Advisor (not pictured).





LASAP 49th Fall Conference

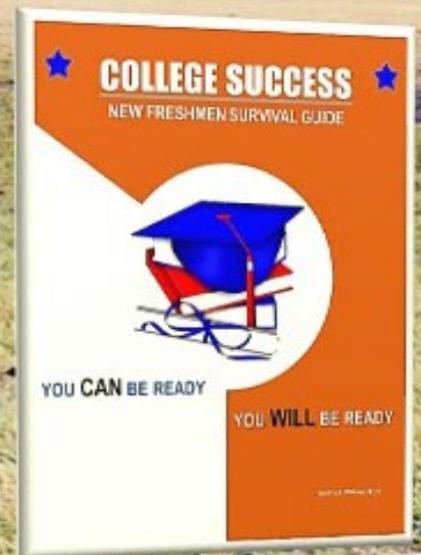
The Fall 2021 Mini Conference was held July 27-28, 2021. The theme for the conference was “Building Quality Connections: Ready, Set, Grow”. There were 49 LASAP members in attendance. The speakers for the plenary sessions consisted of Dr. Calvin Mackie, who spoke on innovative ways to enhance student participation during virtual learning; and Mr. Dennis S. Brown spoke on the difference between having a good day and a bad day determined by your attitude. The workshop brought amazing presenters with valuable information to our attendees. Andrea Reeves and Lucy Jones presented updates on the UB/UBMS/VUB and McNair proposal competition; Each program had a roundtable discussion to exchange best practices for virtual learning and what roadblocks came about when serving students during the pandemic; Lead, Follow or Get Out of the Way spoke on assessing your program to meet the need and scope through interactive learning; STEM NOLA presented hands-on activities for formal and in-formal learning; Dr. Griggs presentation focused on using cognitively and socially interactive games and activities to deliver content to the TRIO population; and Michael Pittman presentation targeted new financial education program that can help guide TRIO students on the road to career and financial success.



GET READY FOR COLLEGE THE RIGHT WAY!!

College Success: New Freshmen Survival Guide will bring insight to college freshmen on the new beginnings of starting college and finishing college. The goal of this resource is to help students understand the sacrifice and determination needed to become a **COLLEGE GRADUATE**.

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COE 40TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

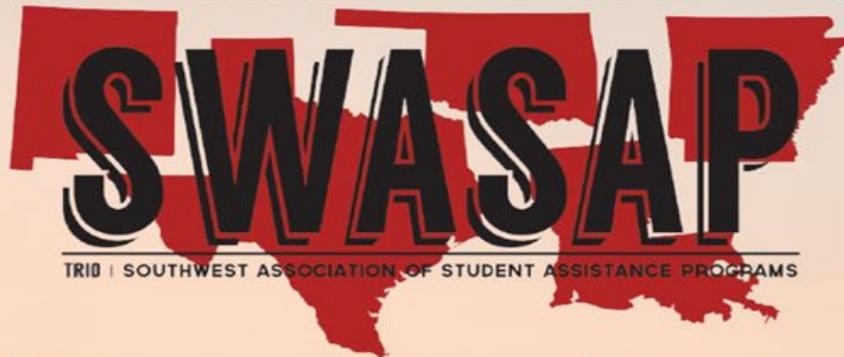
ATLANTA, GA

SEPT. 12-15, 2021

For college access professionals, attending the annual conference is an investment in professional development that will provide more impactful leverage for programs and participants. The conference features discussions on new trends in college access and retention and connects college leaders to proven best practices that will improve local colleges. Attendees come to the annual conference to hear new ideas, meet new colleagues and generate renewed energy. The agenda is filled with information to help college access professionals and students become more competitive professionally and personally.

Visit www.coenet.org under “Events” to register





Save the Date!

50th Annual

Conference

When: November 6-10, 2021

Preconference: November 6 & 7

Conference: November 7-10

Where: Albuquerque, New Mexico

***Come soar with us in
SWASAP as we celebrate our
50th Annual Conference in
Albuquerque, New Mexico!***

More Information Coming Soon!