

## **Points of Excellence 2000 - 2001**

Southeastern and the St. Tammany Parish government form a partnership to offer college-credit telecourses through St. Tammany Parish government access channels.

The university's new quality admissions standards were implemented in Fall 2000, and the average ACT score for beginning freshmen increases significantly.

On September 14, 2000, Southeastern marked the day the University first opened its doors seventy-five years previously. To celebrate, Southeastern hosted a campus and community-wide party.

U.S. Representative David Vitter announces that the Manchac Project at Turtle Cove is awarded nearly \$1 million in federal funds to continue and expand research and educational activities.

The 15<sup>th</sup> season of Fanfare features Frank McCourt, the best-selling author of *Angela's Ashes*.

An accountability report on alcohol at Southeastern shows that the university is ahead of many of its sister institutions in preventing student alcohol abuse.

Pulitzer Prize winning journalist Russell Carollo ('80) is honored as Alumnus of the Year.

History professor and author Samuel C. Hyde Jr., Director of the Center for Southeast Louisiana Studies, is named to the Ford Endowed Chair in Regional Studies, the university's second \$1 million endowed chair.

Approximately 80 area high school students come to campus to participate in "National Groundhog Job Shadowing Day."

Source: Southeastern Annual Report 2000-2001

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Seeking a way to alleviate an impending shortage of certified teachers in the nation's classrooms, U.S. Representative David Vitter announces a \$1.8 million federal allocation to Southeastern to help expand the Alternate Teacher Certification Program.

Southeastern's teacher preparation program scores higher than the state average in every category of assessment, according to institutional report cards released by the Louisiana State Board of Regents.

Yu Hsing, head of the General Business Department is ranked as the 13<sup>th</sup> most published economist in the world based on the number of his publications listed in EconLit, a database of article abstracts published in economics journals worldwide.

Southeastern's resident assistants bring home four prestigious awards, including Residence Hall Program of the Year, from the Louisiana Association of Housing Officers (LAHO) Equipping Resident Assistant (ERA) conference.

More than 600 high school students from 28 area schools come to Southeastern for the 19<sup>th</sup> annual Foreign Language Festival.

In March 2001, Southeastern announces an expansion of its already successful fund raising campaign to raise an additional \$5 million in order to further enhance its athletic program, including implementing its gender equity plan, upgrading facilities and possibly reinstating football.

President Sally Clausen is one of 30 area business and professional women selected by New Orleans CityBusiness as Women of the Year for 2001.

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Mathematics faculty members Johnathan Hatch and Katherine Roegner are among 60 participants nationally selected for the prestigious national program, Project NextT, which draws from new or recent doctoral degree recipients who are interested in improving the teaching and learning methods of undergraduate mathematics.

Southeastern's division of Continuing Education and Special Activities receives two grants totaling \$257,304 from the Louisiana Department of Labor through the Louisiana Incumbent Worker Program to help businesses upgrade employee skills and create new jobs.

Richard Louth, an English professor and Director of the Southeastern Louisiana Writing Project, and Denise Tullier-Holly, an art instructor at the SLU Lab School and Southeastern's Visual Arts department, receive the "Special Humanities Award" from the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities.

Donnie Booth, Dean of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences, is named a Great 100 Nurse in Louisiana by the Great 100 Nurses Foundation.

Southeastern's first new graduate degree program in more than a decade, a Master of Science in Integrated Science and Technology, is approved by the Louisiana Board of Regents.

On June 19, 2001, hundreds from the campus and community turn out to thank and congratulate President Sally Clausen at a farewell reception as she prepares to leave Southeastern for her new post as President of the University of Louisiana System.

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