

Points of Excellence

2007 - 2008

- » Southeastern received its first patent for a deformation prediction instrument developed by physicist **Sanichiro Yoshida**. It has the potential to identify weaknesses in structures ranging from massive bridge construction to the tiniest elements of nanotechnology no larger than a speck of dust on a pinhead.
- » The **Southeastern Channel** won the coveted Emmy Awards for the third straight year. The channel won two Emmys for a five-spot image campaign for Southeastern, “Tomorrow’s Leaders.”
- » Classical pianist **Kenneth Boulton** was nominated for a Grammy for his album *Louisiana - A Pianist’s Journey* in the category of best instrumental soloist performer (without orchestra).
- » For the second consecutive year, a Southeastern student, Kinesiology-exercise science major **Craig Alton Thomas**, received a national fellowship for post-graduate study from the National Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi.
- » The **Southeastern Channel** promotional spots won four national Telly Awards for 2007. *The Florida Parish Chronicles* promo took a first-place Silver Telly for animation and a second-place Bronze Telly for editing. *Native Sounds* and *Current Events* promos both received a Bronze Telly in the animation category.
- » Southeastern became the first public university in the United States to be recognized for its **Latin American programs** by the Ibero-American Council for Excellence in Education, a consortium of 18 ministries of education in Latin America.
- » Student news and sports programs airing on the **Southeastern Channel** won four first place “Mark of Excellence” awards from the Society of Professional Journalists. The channel’s first place winners and categories include John Reis, “Television General News Reporting;” Chris Coleman, “Television Sports Reporting;” Reis, Chris Guagliardo, Nick Brilleaux, and Dustin Thomas, “Television Sports Photography;” and the Southeastern Channel staff, “Television Newscast.”
- » Southeastern’s **Epsilon Phi Chapter of Delta Tau Delta Fraternity** was honored with the prestigious Court of Honor Award at the Southern Division Leadership Conference.

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- » *Creatures of Habit*, a composition by **Brian Hanson** of Covington, a senior in General Studies was performed at the Omaha Symphony New Music Symposium after winning a national competition for young composers.
- » Southeastern became the first university in the South and one of only 16 other institutions to join a Library of Congress initiative designed to encourage the educational use of the **library's** vast stock of online primary source materials. Southeastern also received a \$300,000, three-year grant from U.S. Senator Mary Landrieu and Librarian of Congress James H. Billington.
- » Southeastern's redesigned **master's degree program in education** was rated with programs at three other Louisiana institutions as among the best in the southern states in preparing future school principals and other education leaders.
- » For the third time in six years, Southeastern's **Nursing program** received the Nightingale Award as the "Nursing School of the Year" from the Louisiana Nurses Foundation.
- » The staff of the *Lion's Roar*, Southeastern's student newspaper, brought home eight awards from the Louisiana Press Association's annual convention held in Lafayette. The awards included a first place standing in the "Best Column" category.
- » Southeastern graduate **Michelle Berthelot** was crowned Miss Louisiana USA 2008 at the annual pageant held in Lafayette and advanced to the Miss USA pageant.
- » **Blair Abene**, a senior Music major, won the title of Miss Louisiana 2008 and will represent the state in the Miss America pageant.
- » Southeastern became the only university in Louisiana to offer a unique "**Progression Scholarship**" to encourage students to complete their undergraduate degrees in four years.

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