

Points of Excellence

2023 - 2024



- » The College of Business and its accounting program received an extension of accreditation by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business International (AACSB). The accreditation designation is considered the hallmark of excellence in business education.
- » Southeastern alumna Phoenix LeBlanc of Denham Springs was selected as the Louisiana New Teacher of the Year by the Louisiana Department of Education. LeBlanc, who teaches at Albany Middle School, was one of only nine finalists selected from across the state.
- » Tangipahoa Parish President Robby Miller was selected as the Southeastern Louisiana University Alumni Association 2023 Alumnus of the Year. A 1984 graduate of Southeastern, Miller was honored at the Alumni Association's annual awards evening during Homecoming Week.
- » The Louisiana Department of Education was awarded a \$1.67 million contract to Northshore Regional STEM Center, led by Southeastern in partnership with Northshore Technical Community College and LaSTEM. Appropriated by the Louisiana State Legislature, the funds will be used to develop and deliver 40-hours of computer science Praxis exam training through multiple cohorts to 1,000 sixth through 12th grade teachers statewide.
- » A pair of Southeastern two-time graduates received the 2023-24 Milken Educator Award. The recipients are Kelly Ryan, who earned both a bachelor and masters degree in biological sciences from Southeastern, and Lauren Waguespack, who earned bachelor and masters degrees in education from Southeastern.
- » Former Southeastern President John L. Crain was awarded the title of President Emeritus from the University of Louisiana System Board. The term "Emeritus" is a title awarded to only a few select individuals in recognition of distinguished and extraordinary service.
- » Southeastern officially broke ground on the Robin Roberts Broadcast Media Center. Good Morning America co-anchor Robin Roberts, Gov. John Bel Edwards, and representatives of Southeastern gathered together in November to celebrate the official groundbreaking for the construction of the Robin Roberts Broadcast Media Center and the \$40 million renovation of D Vickers Hall.

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- » The College of Business launched its third cohort of the Hispanic Leadership Program as part of the celebration of National Hispanic Heritage Month and the university's commitment to the social development of the Hispanic population. The cohort includes 57 students from high schools in Tangipahoa and Livingston parishes.
- » Barriere Construction President/CEO Jason Latiolais has been named Southeastern's 2023 Young Alumnus of the Year. He was officially recognized at the Southeastern Alumni Association Awards Evening during Homecoming Week.
- » Southeastern's undergraduate teacher preparation program has been recognized by the National Council on Teacher Quality. The program received a grade of 'A' in NCTQ's new report "Teacher Prep Review: Strengthening Elementary Reading Instruction" for its rigorous preparation of future teachers in how to teach reading.
- » President William S Wainwright recently accepted a special Southeastern Challenge Coin from LaVetCorps Navigator and retired Army Captain Steve Worth and Alumni Association President Elect and retired Air Force pilot Mike DuBois. Challenge coins have been an American Military tradition for centuries. They were meant to instill unit pride, improve spirit de corps and reward hard work and excellence, Worth explained. Over the years this tradition has expanded to non-military organizations, such as Southeastern.
- » The Committee of 100 for Economic Development, Inc. has selected Southeastern President William S. Wainwright as a member for 2023. The committee is Louisiana's Business Roundtable promoting public property that makes Louisiana more competitive in retaining business and industry and attracting more innovative businesses to Louisiana.
- » Over \$360,000 was raised during Southeastern Giving Day. This represents another record-breaking year. This event allowed donors to select an individual college, department, organization, or project important to them, directly giving back to the areas toward which they feel most passionate.