

## Points of Excellence 2014 - 2015

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- » The Louisiana Small Business Development Center at Southeastern has been selected to receive the 2015 SBDC Excellence and Innovation Award, making it the top center in the United States.
- » The Southeastern Wind Symphony has been honored with first and second place awards in the 2014 Global Music Awards competition. Led by Professor of Music and Director of Bands Glen J. Hemberger, the Wind Symphony was the only university to receive the Gold Medallion and one of eight entries to receive the Gold Medallion in the category of Symphonic Band Music. The group also received a Silver Medallion for outstanding achievement in the Instrumental Music category.
- » The Southeastern Epsilon Phi Chapter of Delta Tau Delta is the recipient of the prestigious Hugh Shields Award, presented to the top chapters in the country. The award is given annually to the top 10 chapters of Delta Tau Delta across the nation.
- » Southeastern has been recognized for its spirit of community service by being named to a national honors list for the fourth consecutive year. The university was listed again this year on the President's Higher Education Honor Roll for Community Service, which recognizes institutions that reflect the values of exemplary community service and achieve meaningful outcomes in their communities.
- » The New Media and Animation program at Southeastern has been recognized for the fourth consecutive year by Animation Career Review as one of the top animation and game design schools in the United States and the Southern region.
- » The Office of Public Information was recognized for graphic design by the Academy of Interactive and Visual Arts with three Communicator Awards, including two first place Gold Awards of Excellence.
- » Southeastern's art and design program has received full-member accreditation status by the National Association of Schools of Art and Design. The accreditation means the Southeastern program meets specific national criteria following a non-governmental system of academic review that include an evaluation and independent judgment by peers, explained Ken Boulton, interim head of the Department of Fine and Performing Arts.

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- » Southeastern's graduate program in education has been listed among the best in the nation, according to the website [onlinemastersprograms.org](http://onlinemastersprograms.org). Southeastern was the only program in Louisiana to be recognized.
- » The Southeastern Louisiana Writing Project (Dr. Richard Louth, director) has received a \$10,000 SEED grant from the National Writing Project to host an Advanced Institute and Writing Retreat for Writing Project teachers in New Orleans with author Kim Stafford as the guest writer.
- » Southeastern's student newspaper, The Lions Roar, earned several awards - including multiple first place honors-- from competitions sponsored by the Louisiana Press Association (LPA) and the Louisiana-Mississippi Associated Press Media Editors.
- » Southeastern's Department of Teaching and Learning has received a \$22,500 Entergy Charitable Foundation grant to help fund Project LION (Learning in Our Neighborhood), a community partnership with the Tangipahoa Parish School System and the City of Hammond.
- » Southeastern's Physical Plant and Sustainability Science and Technology Center have been selected to receive a \$9,500 Healthy Communities Grant from Keep Louisiana Beautiful (KLB), the state's premier anti-litter and community improvement organization. The grant will support the university's recycling efforts on campus by providing much needed outdoor recycle bins.
- » Southeastern is the first university in the state to receive Level Two WellSpot status, a designation through the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH) initiative. Well-Ahead Louisiana is an endeavor of the DHH aimed at improving the general health and wellness of Louisiana citizens.
- » Thanks to a Louisiana Board of Regents grant totaling \$71,340, Southeastern's graduate counseling program will be the first and only program in the state to use specialized technology in its research and student training.