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Baton Rouge

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Lafayette

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Thursday, April 10, 2014

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Project Lead the Way Students Impress Board and Presidents

Students from South Louisiana middle and high schools impressed UL System board members and university presidents during a showcase of science and engineering projects before today's meeting. It was part of a presentation about Project Lead the Way (PLTW), a national program that introduces K-12 students to STEM.

"There was some shameless recruiting among our presidents for these Project Lead the Way students," joked UL System President Sandra Woodley.

PLTW has a program for kindergarten through fifth grade called Launch, a middle school program called Gateway to Technology, and two high school programs: Pathway to Engineering and Biomedical Sciences.

Today's showcase featured 12 students from Mandeville Middle School, Scotlandville Magnet High School in Baton Rouge, and St. Paul's Catholic School in Covington.

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Grambling State Highlights Nationally Ranked STEM Programs

Grambling State University was the featured institution at today's UL System Board of Supervisors meeting. GSU President Frank G. Pogue and Provost Connie Walton gave a presentation on their nationally ranked science, engineering, technology, and math (STEM) programs.

President Pogue opened his comments by alluding to the middle and high school students who showcased their projects to the Board. "My eight presidential colleagues are leading very good colleges, but I am glad the students stayed;

because they are going to hear about Grambling first," exclaimed Pogue.

Grambling's STEM programs are in biological sciences, chemistry, engineering technology, computer science, mathematics, and physics. As a historically black university, GSU plays a critical role in supplying more minority graduates in these fields.

According to *Diverse Issues in Higher Education*, Grambling ranks nationally for the amount of African-American graduates in the following STEM fields:

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Nine Universities Strong

Grambling State University

Louisiana Tech University

McNeese State University

Nicholls State University

Northwestern State University

Southeastern Louisiana University

University of Louisiana at Lafayette

University of Louisiana at Monroe

University of New Orleans

Photo Gallery of PLTW Showcase

...PLTW continued

Scotlandville's PLTW director, Beatrice Arvie, presented to the Board along with Northwestern State University Associate Professor of Engineering Technology Phillip Brown. Northwestern is the only university affiliate for PLTW in Louisiana. Its role is to provide technical assistance to schools, train teachers, and recruit for the program.

There are currently 60 PLTW programs in 22 Louisiana parishes. Brown asked the Board to consider ways to partner with PLTW to encourage more participation across the state.

Woodley acknowledged the timeliness of this program, as growing the STEM pipeline will be an important component for higher education to meet the workforce demands in STEM areas.

"I am happy to see the enthusiasm for math and science in these students, and it certainly makes me look forward to the future," said Woodley.



...Grambling continued

- 23rd in engineering technology,
- 24th in the biological sciences, and
- 29th in computer and information sciences.

The university is also among the top 50 institutions whose African-American graduates go on to earn a Ph.D. in a STEM area. One success story is 2008 mathematics graduate Talea Mayo who became the first African-American to complete the University of Texas-Austin's ICES Ph.D. program. She is currently conducting post doctoral work at Princeton University and credits Grambling for her success. "Choosing GSU remains one of the best decisions of my life," Mayo wrote in her dissertation dedication.

Provost Walton concluded her comments by reinforcing the university's motto: *Where Everybody is Somebody*. "We take students from disenfranchised backgrounds and help them overcome any deficiencies so that they will become successful."

Other Board Action

The Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System approved the following requests:

ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS

- **Tech:** realign the School of Art and the School of Architecture into the School of Design.
- **Tech:** change the title of the Bachelor of Science degree program in Merchandising & Consumer Studies to the Bachelor of Science degree program in Fashion Merchandising & Retail Studies.
- **Tech:** terminate the Master of Arts in Teaching-Multiple Levels Gr K-12.
- **Tech:** terminate the Bachelor of Science Education Multiple Levels Gr K-12; and reinstate the Bachelor of Science Health & Physical Education Gr K-12.
- **Nicholls:** award an honorary Doctor of Letters (D.Litt.) degree to Lawrence "Sonny" Albarado, Jr. at Spring Commencement Exercises.
- **Northwestern:** award an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree to Bert B. Tussing at Spring Commencement Exercises.
- **UL Lafayette:** Proposal for a Post Baccalaureate Certificate in Accounting.
- **UL Lafayette:** Proposal for a Graduate Certificate in Business Administration.
- **UL Lafayette:** Proposal for a Graduate Certificate in Professional Writing.

JOINT FACILITIES PLANNING AND FINANCE

- **McNeese:** contract with Mr. Ronald P. Savoie, Head Women's Soccer Coach, effective March 1, 2014.
- **McNeese:** place referenda on student self-assessed fees regarding (a) band, (b) spirit, (c) athletics, (d) theatre, (e) safety, (f) rodeo, and (g) student engagement on a student ballot.
- **Southeastern:** contract with Mr. Jim Smoot, Head Women's Volleyball Coach, effective February 1, 2014.
- **ULM:** construct a new International Student Facility utilizing a 501(c)3, not-for-profit corporation, and acceptance of improvements.
- **ULM:** enter into a Grounds Lease Agreement and Agreement to Lease with Option to Purchase with ULM Facilities Inc., a 501(c)3 not-for-profit corporation, to replace the artificial turf at Malone Stadium Football Field and accept donation of improvements to the University.

SYSTEM PRESIDENT'S BUSINESS

- **UL System:** Personnel Actions

BOARD CHAIR'S BUSINESS

- **UL System:** cancellation of Board Rule Chapter II. Students, Section XVIII. Human Immunodeficiency Virus
- **UL System:** Cancellation of Board Rule Chapter III. Faculty and Staff, Section XVIII. Human Immunodeficiency Virus