

\\\\\\ ANNUAL REPORT

# 2021/2022



**SLCC**<sup>TM</sup>  
SOUTH LOUISIANA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

15-MONTH CALENDAR



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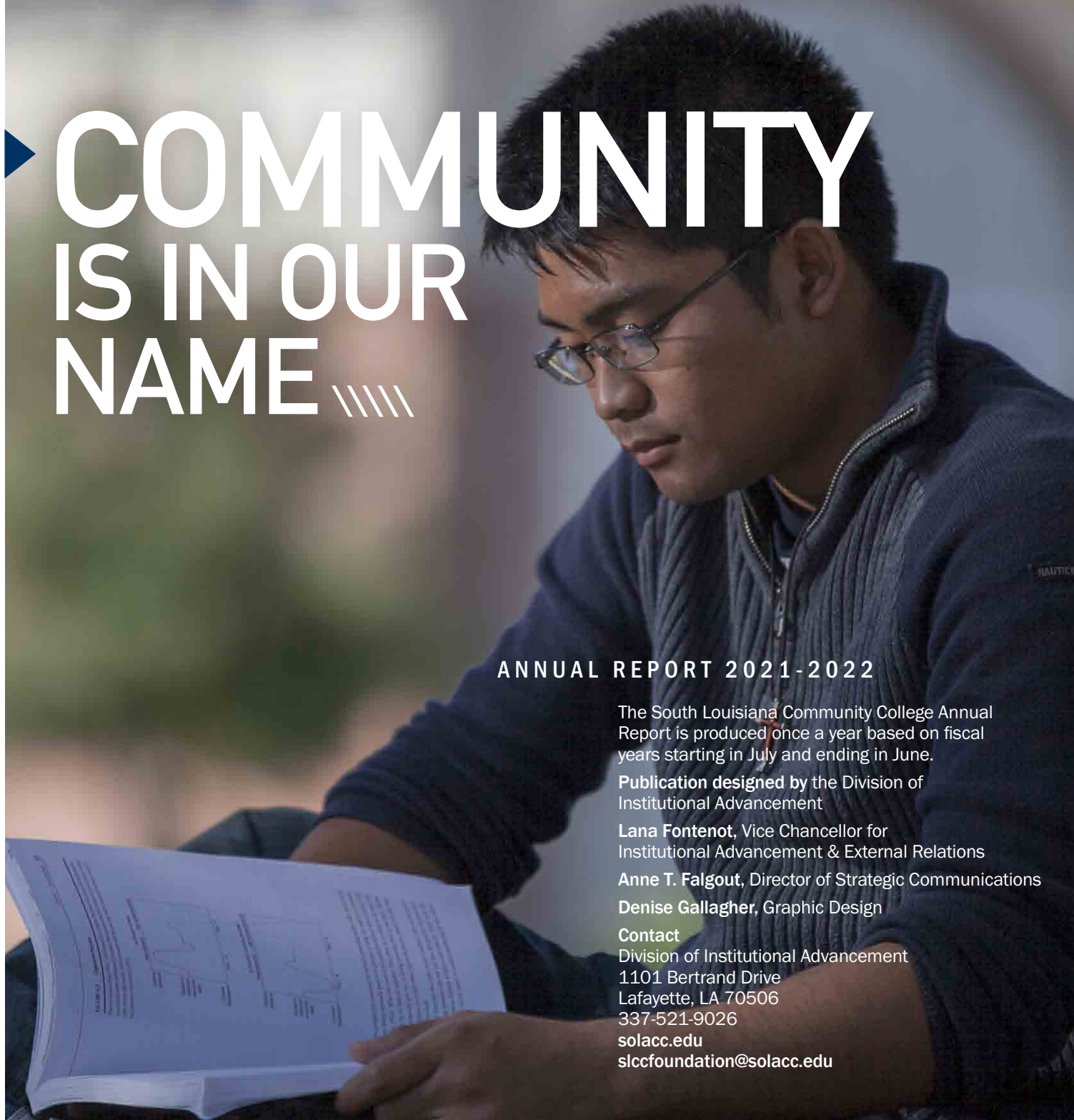
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# COMMUNITY IS IN OUR NAME



### ANNUAL REPORT 2021-2022

The South Louisiana Community College Annual Report is produced once a year based on fiscal years starting in July and ending in June.

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## From the Chancellor

The 2021-2022 Academic Year was an exciting one. Over these 12 months, SLCC executed the first year of its new five-year strategic plan, called *Reimagining SLCC*. This first year was one of charting a new direction for the college and empowering our faculty and staff to think and do things differently. In this annual report, you'll see some early initiatives that have been the result of this innovation and reimagining.

A major focus of mine is direct communication to our external partners and stakeholders. While our college footprint spans 6,400 square miles in eight parishes and our operations can be complex, it is important that we communicate frequently and transparently with you, our partners.

We've all received annual reports that are read then filed away (or thrown away). We hope you enjoy this version of our annual report, which can be used all year long to learn about SLCC's highlights and accomplishments from the most recent fiscal year. Thank you for being a key part of our success ... which is ultimately the community's success.

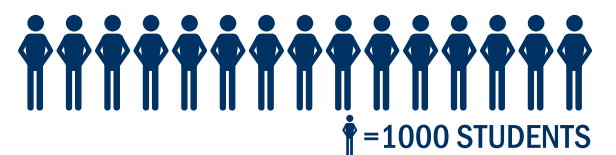
Vincent G. June, Ph.D.  
Chancellor, South Louisiana Community College

## JANUARY 2023

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Campuses in  
**8 Parishes**

Study close to where  
you live and work.



SLCC Serves Over

**15,000 Students**

Each Year



SLCC'S FOUR CORE PILLARS

 STUDENT SUCCESS

 PEOPLE

 COMMUNITY

 INSTITUTIONAL SUSTAINABILITY

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# CHARTING A NEW DIRECTION



## Year Two of the Strategic Plan

SLCC celebrated the first full year of executing its new strategic plan called Reimagining SLCC. With a focus on SLCC's core pillars, the college set forth a renewed focus on innovation, collaboration, and service. Although not all-inclusive, some of the accomplishments from the first year include:

- Awarding a record number (699) of associate degrees in 2021-22 – a 15% increase since 2019.
- Awarding a record number (467) of technical diplomas in 2021-22 – a 10% increase since 2019.
- Expanding the Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration program to the New Iberia Campus in Spring 2022.
- Developing a strategic communications strategy to decrease the number of students who are dropped for non-payment.
- Purchasing drones and implementing drone certification into the Civil Surveying and Mapping curriculum in Spring 2022.
- Training an additional 70+ students in the CDL program through the state's "Drive Your Future" grant.
- Assisting an additional 140 students through Reboot funding to retrain for high-wage career paths.

Additional accomplishments from the 2021-22 Fiscal Year are detailed in the remaining pages of the SLCC Annual Report.



## FEBRUARY 2023

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*"Going to [SLCC] was a stepping stone that allowed me to perform much better at a four-year university. I have always wanted to be the first in the family to graduate from a university, and going to school at SLCC allowed me to get closer and ultimately achieve that goal."*

**Juan Montilla Pabon**, SLCC Alum, University of Kentucky Graduate



## THE PANTRY

SLCC opened three locations of “The Pantry” to assist students struggling with food insecurity. The pantries opened at the college’s Abbeville, Lafayette and Opelousas campuses in January 2022 and contain shelf-stable food and non-food items. Within 6 months of operation, more than 1,000 documented visits were made to the three pantries.



Percentage of students who noted they were food insecure at some point while attending SLCC.

# 52%

INTERESTED IN DONATING ITEMS FOR THE PANTRY?

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# EXPANDING ACCESS



Submitted by Morgan Wampler, SLCC Employee | Development Officer

## M.J. Foster Promise Program

Louisiana celebrated the launch of its first college promise program in 2022, with the creation of the M.J. Foster Promise Program. The program assists qualified students 21 or older who wish to pursue an associate degree or short-term credential in targeted high-wage, high-demand programs. The funding program began its first disbursements beginning in August 2022. SLCC is proud to be a participating college in this historical program.

# \$10 Million

Annual allocation for Louisiana’s first college promise program



### M.J. Foster Industry Sectors

- Information Technology
- Manufacturing
- Construction
- Transportation & Warehousing
- Healthcare



## MARCH 2023

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“When a student is hungry or worried about feeding their family, they cannot concentrate on succeeding in college.”

Lana Fontenot, Vice Chancellor for Institutional Advancement & External Relations (center)



FUN FACTS

DEC 2020

State board unanimously appoints June as permanent chancellor of SLCC



6th

Chancellor of SLCC

20+

Years of experience in higher education



# HISTORY IN THE MAKING



Inauguration of Dr. Vincent G. June  
CAJUNDOME Convention Center

CHANCELLOR INAUGURATION

*Dr. Vincent G. June*

SOUTH LOUISIANA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

## Celebrating a New Era

Dr. Vincent G. June was officially inaugurated as the sixth chancellor of SLCC on April 27, 2022. Through a weeklong series of events, June connected with students, alumni, donors, business and industry partners, employees, and community members across Acadiana to celebrate the college's new era in history. Events included a Student and Employee Showcase, VIP Wine & Cheese, Coffee with the Chancellor, Employee Field Day, Speaker Luncheon cohosted with One Acadiana, and more. The eight-day celebration culminated with the Installation Ceremony presented by LHC Group at the Cajundome Convention Center, where June was officially installed amid several hundred stakeholders and friends of the college. A special thanks to Diamond Sponsor LHC Group and Platinum Sponsors Ochsner Lafayette General, Our Lady of Lourdes Regional Medical Center, and the Nehemiah Projects of Acadiana.

## APRIL 2023

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# \$40,000

Portion of sponsorship funds used to commemorate the occasion by creating an endowed scholarship in Dr. June's honor. The scholarship funds are eligible for a \$20,000 state match and will be awarded to first-generation college students at SLCC.



## GRADUATION FACTS



**1,260**

Degreed Graduates

**1,100+**

Short Term Training Graduates



**69**



HiSet (High School Equivalency Graduates)

*\*Data from Summer and Fall 2021 and Spring 2022*

# CHANGING LIVES



SLCC Spring 2022 Commencement  
Photo credit: Acadiana Advocate / Leslie Westbrook



## The Happiest Time of the Year

Since Summer 2021, SLCC has awarded degrees to more than 1,200 individuals from across Acadiana who will be entering our local workforce and/or transferring to four-year universities. More than 60 students graduated with their HISET certification (high school equivalency). SLCC proudly plays a key role in increasing the number of Acadiana residents who hold valued industry-based credentials and college degrees.

SLCC's partners with the Lafayette Parish School System to blend high school and college work in a rigorous yet supportive program called the Early College Academy. Here, students earn an associate degree and a high school diploma in just four years! In May of 2021, ECA graduated 69 students from this award-winning program.



In Spring 2022, SLCC began a new tradition of honoring students who are active duty military or veterans through a patriotic cord to wear at the college's commencement exercises.

## MAY 2023

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*"In life, we're going to be faced with many challenges and opportunities, but it is what we DO with those that will determine whether we are ultimately successful or not."*

Mandi Mitchell, CEO, Lafayette Economic Development Authority, Spring 2022 SLCC Commencement Speaker, in her advice to graduates



**JOB FACTS**

**50+**

Programs to Choose From  
(Credit and Short-Term Training)



**100%**

Job Placement Across  
Many Programs



# SUPPLYING THE DEMAND

COMMERCIAL DRIVER  
SIMULATOR  
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SOUTH LOUISIANA COMMUNITY COLLEGE



Submitted by Charlotte LeLeux, SLCC employee  
Director of Transportation, Distribution and Logistics

## Committed to Quality

A critical part of providing high-quality education is compliance with regional and national standards, which also allows colleges to grant federal financial aid. SLCC recently held successful accreditation visits for its Registered Nursing and Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning programs in early 2022. The college also celebrated its reaffirmation in Good Standing status with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges.



## Growing Need for Plumbers

According to the US Department of Labor, there's a growing need for plumbers in Acadiana, and SLCC is stepping up to fill this need. The college launched a 5-month, hands-on training program in March 2022 at its New Iberia Campus. The evening course allows students to earn three certifications before completing the program. Upon completion of the program, students leave with the necessary skills and plumbing tools needed to jumpstart their careers.



SLCC plumbing students

## JUNE 2023

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**42%**

Careers in Louisiana Requiring  
an Associate Degree by 2025  
*(Louisiana Workforce Commission, 2020)*



## SLCC LAUNCHES TRI-ALPHA

SLCC launched a local chapter of Tri-Alpha, a national honor society for first-generation college students. There are more than 100 chapters across the United States. The organization will provide students with networking opportunities, mentoring, and growth and leadership experiences.

MORE THAN  
**3 out of 4**

Students at SLCC are Considered First-Generation College Students



# OUR MISSION= STUDENT SUCCESS



## More Than \$180,000 in Scholarships Awarded

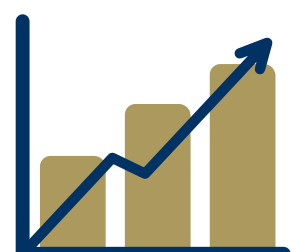
During the 2021-2022 fiscal year, the SLCC Foundation connected students to more than 175 scholarships, totaling more than \$180,000. These scholarships are a result of the generosity of individuals, organizations, and companies across Acadiana. Recipients study a diverse mix of majors at SLCC, from registered nursing and nondestructive testing technology to general studies and industrial technology. The students also attend campuses throughout SLCC's footprint across eight parishes. As an open-access institution, SLCC serves a broad population of students, including a high-number of low-income individuals. These scholarships are often the deciding factor for students to attend (or complete) college.



## JULY 2023

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The SLCC Scholarships Program has Nearly Doubled in Size Since 2018





## SLCC GRADUATES

In February 2022, SLCC graduated its seventh cohort of line worker students. The college began its Power Line Worker program in 2019 at its Crowley campus and has graduated 95 students since that time. Graduates have gone on to work at companies such as CLECO, LUS, Entergy, SLEMCO, System Services, and more. The Line Worker Program is 20 weeks in length and includes numerous certifications, including:

- Class A CDL
- NCCER Core
- NCCER Lineman Level I
- CPR/First Aid/AED
- Pole Top Rescue
- and More.



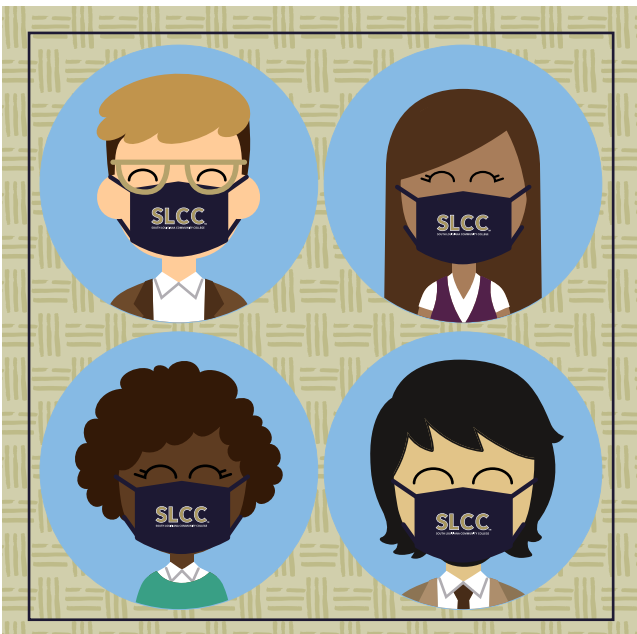
# FUTURES ARE LOOKING UP



SLCC Line Worker Student  
Acadian Campus, Crowley, LA

## Educating Through a Pandemic

The Fall semester in August 2021 began much like the 2020 semesters: reduced in-person courses, increased hybrid and online courses, and a number of safety protocols in place. Like the rest of the world, COVID-19 required SLCC to adapt, speeding up its existing plans for more online courses and enhanced flexibility for students. While the college has returned a number of its classes to in-person for students wanting a higher-touch environment, SLCC continues to convert more courses to hybrid (combining in-person and online formats) and online. Additionally, SLCC began a Laptop Loan program in 2020 for students lacking resources to purchase their own. More than 150 laptops have been loaned to students each semester across all of SLCC's campuses, and the assistance program continues today.



## AUGUST 2023

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# \$15,545,360.59

Amount of funds SLCC distributed directly to students since 2020 as Emergency Financial Aid Grants from the U.S. Department of Education. These grants were a part of the federal American Rescue Plan Act, designed to serve students and ensure learning continuity during the COVID-19 pandemic.



## SLCC PARTNERS WITH BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS OF ACADIANA

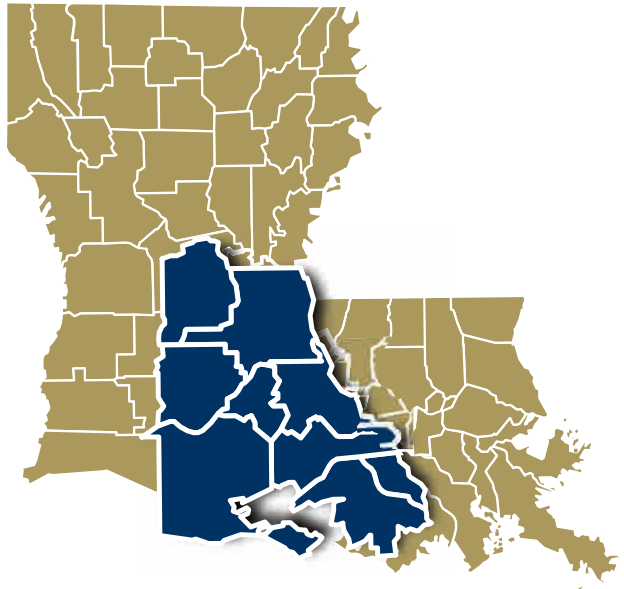
Boys and Girls Clubs of Acadiana employees and its Youths of the Year can now attend SLCC at a discounted rate through a new partnership signed in September 2021. Club employees attending SLCC can access a \$500 discount per semester, and each club's Youth of the Year will receive a \$1,000 SLCC scholarship to further their education. Rhyan Wheeler, CEO of Boys and Girls Clubs of Acadiana, said, "The partnership opens doors for our youth who may not have considered a degree and allows our biggest asset, our staff, the opportunity to further their education. It's a win-win!"

# PARTNERING WITH PURPOSE



## Parish Profiles Guide Discussions with Data

Community is in our name, and we work hand-in-hand with numerous partners to help revitalize Acadiana's communities and business environments through education. In 2021, SLCC developed Parish Profiles, a one-page infographic that gives a high-level overview of the state of each parish. Graduation rates, median income, and poverty rates are shared along with other metrics for leaders to use in order to improve these statistics for community vitality.



VIEW YOUR PARISH PROFILE HERE  
[solacc.edu/about-us/administration/fact-sheet](http://solacc.edu/about-us/administration/fact-sheet)



## SEPTEMBER 2023

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# 8.3%

State Growth for Employment by 2026  
 (Louisiana Workforce Commission, 2020)



ONE COLLEGE:  
THREE PATHWAYS



**Academic Programs**  
(technical diplomas and associate degrees)



**Short-term Training**  
(industry-based credentials)



**Adult Education**  
(high school equivalency)

# EXPLORING OPPORTUNITIES



SLCC student on zSpace virtual reality software

## Offering Residents a Higher Education

SLCC is helping more residents in Iberia, St. Martin, and St. Mary parishes access college, thanks to a five-year, \$1.1 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education called *Educational Opportunity Centers (EOC)*. The program offers free assistance to adults (19 and older) who desire to earn a high school equivalency certification (HiSET), enroll in a college or university for the first time, or return to college to complete a degree. Some of the services include help with college admissions, assistance with financial aid applications, guidance on career exploration, and more.



## Investing In Our Own

As part of its commitment to investing in faculty and staff development, SLCC has provided opportunities for employees to gain skills, enhance their knowledge, and seek higher degrees and certifications.

During the 2021-2022 fiscal year:

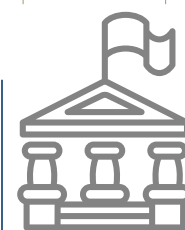
- 50+ senior leaders participated in SLCC's Leader Development Institute.
- 235 staff members engaged in SLCC's Staff Development Institute.
- A total of 18 employees utilized the college's tuition waiver program to get an associate degree or other certification at SLCC. This program saved employees more than \$14,000 in tuition.
- 10+ employees are working toward doctoral degrees, with dozens more working toward bachelor's and master's degrees.

## OCTOBER 2023

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## Did You Know?

SLCC has 8  
**2+2 Programs**

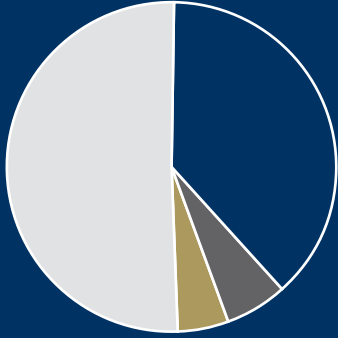


Nicholls State University  
Northwestern State University  
University of Louisiana at Lafayette

Through these agreements, students majoring in **Application Software Development, Biology, Business, Criminal Justice, Environmental Science, and Nursing** can take their first two years at SLCC and then transfer as a junior to one of these institutions.

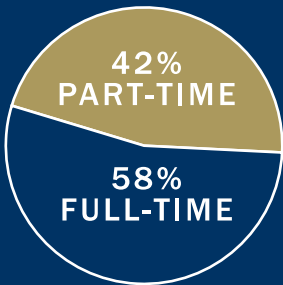
## STUDENT PROFILE

Ethnicity (for-credit Fall 2021)

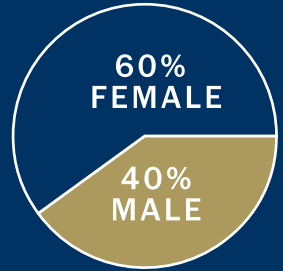


- WHITE 49%
- BLACK 34%
- HISPANIC 4%
- OTHER 13%

Full-Time vs. Part-Time (for-credit Fall 2021)



Gender (for-credit Fall 2021)



# EVERYDAY EXCELLENCE



Submitted by Ann Jackson  
SLCC Employee | Culinary Instructor

## Top of the Class

In November 2021, SLCC was named a Top 150 Community College in the country by the Aspen Institute. The colleges selected for this honor stand out among more than 1,000 community colleges nationwide as having high and improving levels of student success, as well as equitable outcomes for Black and Hispanic students and those from lower-income backgrounds.

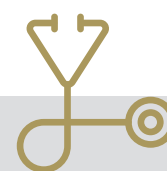


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As a Top 150 institution, SLCC is in the **Top 15%** of community colleges in the United States.



*"I am a retired paramedic and currently working as an LPN. I am in school to complete the RN program. In 2004, my daughter got sick, so I chose to put my college plans on hold. I lost my daughter a few years ago. I am now back in school because I promised her that I would go back to get my RN license. I am never going to give up."*

Gwendolyn Brumfield, SLCC Registered Nursing Major



## COX NAMED TOP BENEFACTOR

COX was named SLCC's Benefactor of the Year for 2021-2022. Over the year, the multimedia company has partnered with SLCC on a number of initiatives including providing more than \$50,000 in student scholarships, donating laptops and equipment, and closing the gap on for a private match to build the college's Health & Sciences Building. COX has also been a key partner for SLCC's Power Line Worker Program that began in 2019 by providing scholarships and lending its expertise. COX's newest partnership with SLCC includes the development of a Fiber Optic Technician Program that is set to launch in early Fall 2022.

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# DOING GOOD



SLCC Chancellor Dr. Vincent June (third from right), presents Lewis Lemoine of COX with SLCC's Benefactor award.

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## Because of Our Partners

**700% Increase**  
in Foundation Assets Since 2014

**1600% Increase**  
in College Endowment Since 2014



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SLCC Employee  
Director of Strategic Communications



Top photo: SLCC Industrial Scaffolding students

Bottom left: LHC Group Home Health Training Lab at SLCC's Young Memorial Campus in Morgan City

Bottom right: SLCC student on Virtual Welding Trainer

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