

SLCC

ANNUAL  
REPORT

22/23

# EVERYDAY HEROES!

THE CHRONICLES OF SLCC



## OUR JOURNEY BEGINS ...

IN A YEAR FILLED WITH TRIUMPH FOR THE EVERYDAY HEROES OF SLCC, CHANCELLOR DR. VINCENT JUNE TAKES A MOMENT TO REFLECT ON HOW HIS TEAM OF EVERYDAY PROBLEM SOLVERS, CHANGE MAKERS, AND INNOVATORS ARE FULFILLING THEIR MISSION TO BUILD A BETTER WORLD.



**WE DID IT!  
THERE'S NOTHING  
SLCC'S EVERYDAY HEROES  
CAN'T ACCOMPLISH!  
OUR INSTITUTION HAS  
SOARED TO NEW HEIGHTS!  
SO MUCH HAS HAPPENED ...  
IT WAS QUITE  
THE JOURNEY!**

# SLCC'S FOUR CORE PILLARS

1  
**INNOVATION**

2  
**TRUST**

3  
**COLLABORATION**

4  
**INTEGRITY**

**STUDENT  
SUCCESS  
PEOPLE  
COMMUNITY  
INSTITUTIONAL  
SUSTAINABILITY**

5  
**RESPECT**

*SLCC'S SEVEN STANDARDS  
OF PRACTICE*

6  
**ACCOUNTABILITY**

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**SERVICE**

VILLE PLATTE

OPELOUSAS

ST. MARTINVILLE

LAFAYETTE

CROWLEY

MORGAN CITY

NEW IBERIA

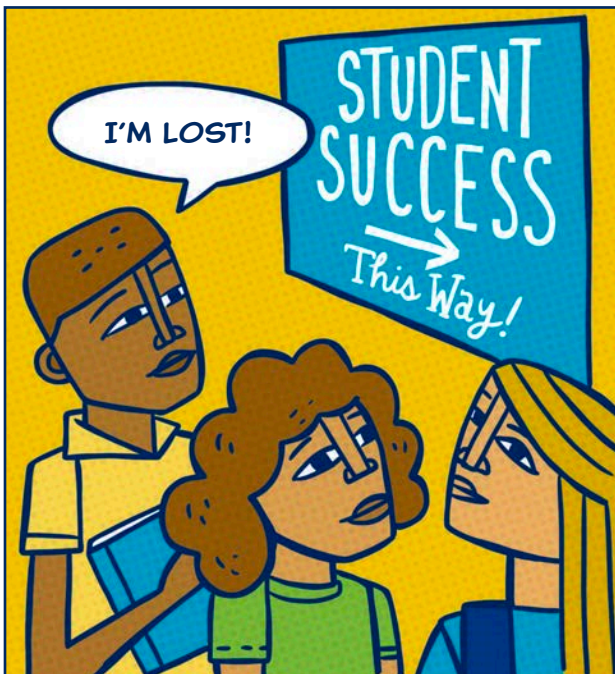
FRANKLIN

ABBEVILLE

# UNMASKING THE HEROES!

## STUDENT SUCCESS IS OUR SUCCESS

SLCC'S EVERYDAY HEROES TACKLED PROBLEMS BIG AND SMALL FOR OUR HEROES-IN-THE-MAKING. SLCC ENSURES OUR STUDENTS HAVE EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO ACHIEVE THEIR GOALS.



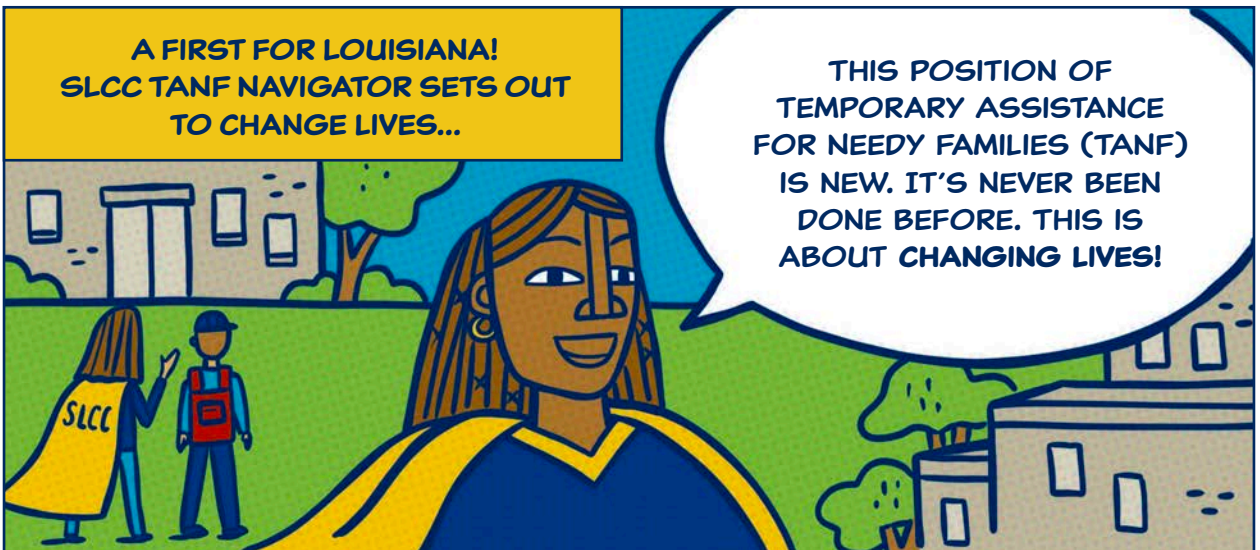
SLCC MAKES BECOMING EVERYDAY HEROES POSSIBLE WITH CONVENIENCE AND INNOVATION!





# **INNOVATORS, LEADERS, TRAILBLAZERS THE EVERYDAY HEROES OF SLCC**

**INNOVATORS, LEADERS, TRAILBLAZERS, THE EVERYDAY HEROES OF SLCC ARE KNOWN THROUGHOUT THE LAND FOR THEIR VISIONARY APPROACH TO EVERYDAY CHALLENGES. ALWAYS-AGILE, ALWAYS-ENGAGING, ALWAYS-READY TO TAKE THE LEAD, OUR HEROES NAVIGATED A TRIUMPHANT YEAR OF FIRSTS FOR SLCC, ACADIANA, AND LOUISIANA!**



A FIRST FOR THE STATE! SLCC GRADUATE  
JEWEL EVERETT BECOMES FIRST  
CERTIFIED FEMALE LINEWORKER IN LA!

I NEVER FELT ALONE  
AT SLCC.



# A HISTORIC WIN!

LEANN BIRCHFIELD TAKES HOME THE GOLD AT NATIONAL SKILLSUSA COMPETITION IN PRACTICAL NURSING!

THIS COLLEGE HAS CHANGED MY LIFE!





THE NATIONAL SKILLSUSA COMPETITION BRINGS TOGETHER THE BEST OF THE BEST. THE SLCC WIN REINFORCES THE COLLEGE AS A LEADER IN HIGHER EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE TRAINING.



# THE POWER OF UNITY

## OUR PEOPLE ARE OUR GREATEST STRENGTH

### AWARDED TO SLCC FOUNDATION FOR ACTS OF SERVICE

THE FOUNDATION CELEBRATED 41 NEW DONORS AND AWARDED 170 SCHOLARSHIPS WITH A TOTAL VALUE OF \$185,116. EMPLOYEE GIVING SOARED TO \$22,879 AND THE ANNUAL FUND CAMPAIGN RAISED AN IMPRESSIVE \$15,575.



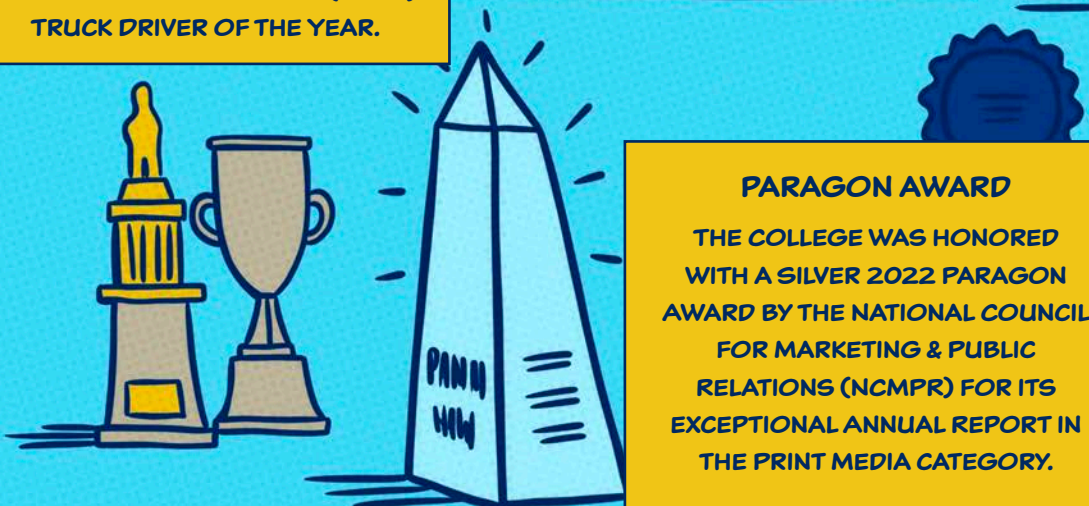
### NELSON LANDRY, TRUCKER OF THE YEAR

INSTRUCTOR NELSON LANDRY, WHO HAS MORE THAN 30 YEARS OF DRIVING EXPERIENCE, WAS HONORED AS THE LOUISIANA MOTOR TRANSPORT ASSOCIATION (LMTA) TRUCK DRIVER OF THE YEAR.



### PARAGON AWARD

THE COLLEGE WAS HONORED WITH A SILVER 2022 PARAGON AWARD BY THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR MARKETING & PUBLIC RELATIONS (NCMPR) FOR ITS EXCEPTIONAL ANNUAL REPORT IN THE PRINT MEDIA CATEGORY.



**NO HERO STANDS ALONE AT SLCC; UNITY IS OUR GREATEST STRENGTH. WE HIRE, DEVELOP, SUPPORT, AND VALUE SLCC EMPLOYEES TO OFFER STATE-OF-THE-ART PROGRAMS AND PROVIDE EXEMPLARY SERVICE. BONDED BY DEEP RESPECT AND A SENSE OF SERVICE, SLCC'S EVERYDAY HEROES HAVE ENHANCED THE COMMUNITY AND CREATED NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE HARD-WORKING CITIZENS OF ACADIANA, LOUISIANA, AND BEYOND!**



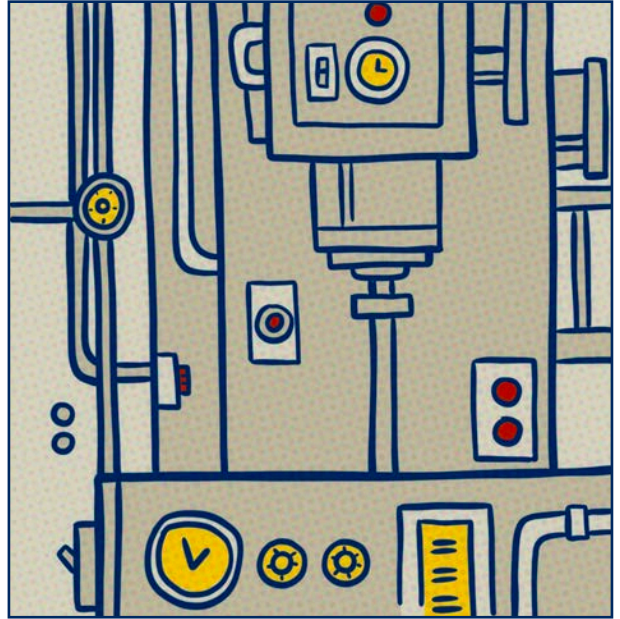
**CAMPUS DIRECTOR  
TAMMIE MOORE'S  
PARTICIPATION IN NATIONAL  
ENERGY CONFERENCE**

TAMMIE MOORE REPRESENTED THE GULF REGION AT THE NATIONAL ACADEMIES OF SCIENCES, ENGINEERING, AND MEDICINE'S WORKSHOP ON "NAVIGATING THE ENERGY TRANSITION IN THE GULF OF MEXICO."

**INSTRUCTOR NELLIE  
PRUDHOMME, MARQUIS  
"WHO'S WHO TOP EDUCATOR"**

DR. NELLIE PRUDHOMME WAS RECOGNIZED AS ONE OF MARQUIS "WHO'S WHO TOP EDUCATORS" FOR HER OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FIELD OF HEALTH EDUCATION.

# ***SLCC AWARDED FIRST NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION GRANT***



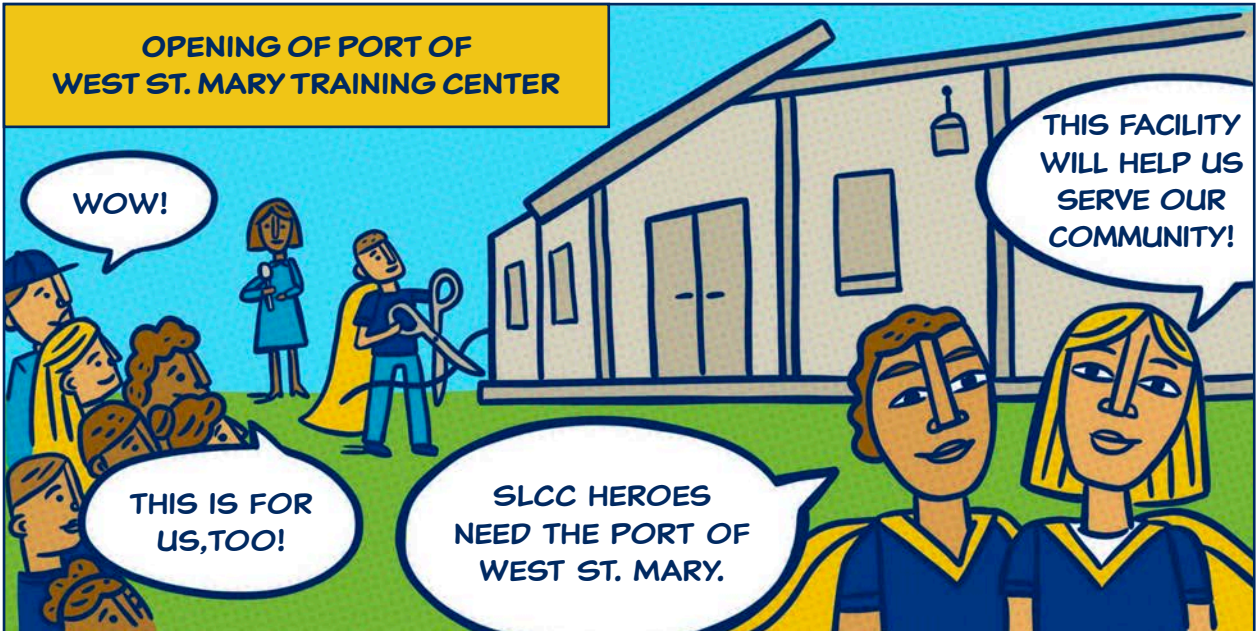
## ***THE NSF GRANT, A SYMBOL OF RECOGNITION AND TRUST***

- STRENGTHENED THE INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY AND INDUSTRIAL ELECTRONICS TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMS
- ENCOURAGED STUDENT RECRUITMENT INTO TECHNICAL FIELDS
- CONDUCTED ON-SITE TESTING FOR CERTIFIED PRODUCTION TECHNICIANS (CPT)
- MORE THAN 150 STUDENTS EARNED CERTIFICATIONS



# A RIPPLE EFFECT OF GOOD: OUR COMMUNITY IS GROWING

SLCC IS A CATALYST FOR ADVANCING POSITIVE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL IMPACT IN OUR REGION. OUR SUCCESSES ARE FOR EVERYONE! EVERYDAY HEROES UNITE!



**NEW HOME HEALTH TRAINING CENTER OPENS**



**AMAZON EDUCATION PARTNER AGREEMENT LAUNCHED**

THE PANTRY EXPANDS TO COMBAT FOOD INSECURITY.

WE'RE EVERYWHERE  
OUR HEROES NEED US!



SLCC BESTOWS 6TH  
BENEFACTOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

**BENEFACTORS**  
of the **YEAR!**  
The Myers Family  
Foundation  
**LHC**  
GROUP

THANKS  
GUYS!

WE COULDN'T  
HAVE DONE IT  
WITHOUT YOU!



# ***\$7 MILLION USDA GRANT!***

**GRANT SECURED FOR LOCAL BUSINESS,  
PROCESSORS, LLC (GUIDRY'S CATFISH)**





**SLCC, SBDC OF LOUISIANA (SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER), AND MEP (MANUFACTURING EXTENSION PARTNERSHIP) OF LOUISIANA JOINED FORCES!**



**SLCC WORKFORCE TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT IS DESIGNED TO SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESSES!**

**SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY IS OUR PLEASURE!**

**USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT MEAT AND POULTRY PROCESSING EXPANSION PROGRAM IS DESIGNED TO IMPROVE SUPPLY-CHAIN OPERATIONS.**

# ACCOUNTABILITY

**TOTAL ANNUAL  
ENROLLMENT  
22-23**

**7,617**  
FOR CREDIT

**1,004**  
DUAL ENROLLMENT &  
EARLY COLLEGE  
ACADEMY

**CREDENTIALS  
AWARDED**

**733**  
ASSOCIATE DEGREES

**542**  
TECHNICAL DIPLOMAS

**687**  
CERTIFICATES

**724**  
INDUSTRY-BASED  
CREDENTIALS

**68**  
HIGH SCHOOL  
DIPLOMAS (EARLY  
COLLEGE ACADEMY)

**51**  
HIGH SCHOOL  
EQUIVALENCY  
DIPLOMAS  
(ADULT ED)

## Unmasking the Heroes: Student Success is Our Success p2-3

### 2 New 2+2 Agreements

The College signed two new transfer agreements in 2023 for Business, one with McNeese State University in Lake Charles, and the other with Holy Cross in New Orleans. SLCC's 2+2 pathways offer students the opportunity to complete the first half of a bachelor's degree program at SLCC, then seamlessly transfer to a partnering university to complete the second half in their chosen pathway.

### Dual Enrollment Internship Program

A pioneering internship program for dual-enrolled high school students, offering them paid, hands-on training in various industries. This initiative, in partnership with the Louisiana Workforce Development Board #40, aims to bridge the gap between classroom learning and real-world work experience, preparing junior and senior students for high-demand careers while strengthening the region's workforce and economy.

### Best Community College in Louisiana

SLCC received recognition as the top community college in Louisiana, according to Intelligent.com, a source for education program rankings. SLCC earned this distinction with a score of 97.26 out of 100, based on factors including tuition costs, graduation requirements, and coursework, underscoring its commitment to delivering a high-quality education accessible to all students.

## Journey of Innovation p4-5

### A First for Louisiana: TANF Navigator Position

The College introduced a first in the state of Louisiana, a Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Navigator, aimed at transforming the lives of low-income families. This new role helps TANF recipients explore educational opportunities at SLCC, from obtaining high school diplomas to accessing financial aid, and earning

## Enrollment & Completers

- The number of students enrolled in Economic & Workforce Development training programs rose from 1,890 in 2021-22 to 2,330 in 2022-23, an increase of 23% with 440 additional individuals being served.
- Overall, in 2022-23 SLCC had a 28% increase in completers (individual students earning an academic or industry-based credential) compared to 2021-22. Over 600 additional students were awarded a credential in 2022-23 compared to 2021-22.
- SLCC awarded a record number of 733 associate degrees in 2022-23. This was 5% over the 2021-22 record-setting number of Associate degrees awarded in 2021-22.
- The number of students awarded a Certificate of General Studies (CGS) degree in their first academic year enrolled nearly quadrupled – from 60 in 2021-22 to 225 in 2022-23 (a 280% increase).
- Industry-Based credentials awarded to short-term training students rose by 31% from 2021-22 to 2022-23.

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new certifications. This initiative, supported by the Louisiana Department of Children & Family Services and the Kathleen Babineaux Blanco Public Policy Center, not only changes individual lives but is an innovative way to help eliminate barriers to education and employment.

## **Inaugural Medical Assistant Registered Apprenticeship Program**

The College celebrated the graduation of students from the inaugural Ochsner Lafayette General Medical Assistant Registered Apprenticeship program. The program prepared students for the workforce by providing training in various medical disciplines, resulting in five industry certifications, including Medical Assistant, EKG Technician, Phlebotomy Technician, Certified Nurse Aid, and CPR. Participants were not only paid while they learned, but through the generosity of this private partner also had their education expenses waived!

## **Line Worker Program Makes History**

The Power Line Worker program celebrated a historic milestone with the graduation of Jewel Everett, the first female graduate in Louisiana to complete the demanding program and accompanying certification process. Jewel's achievement broke barriers and set a record for the state. She not only received top-notch training from SLCC but also secured a job with LUS, highlighting the program's success in preparing qualified workers for the field and meeting industry demand.

## **Fiber Optic Program Launches**

The 20-week Fiber Optic Technician course was launched in June at SLCC's Crowley Campus. There, students learn how to install and repair fiber optic lines to meet increasing demands of the telecommunications industry in Louisiana. Completers earn eight certifications, making them attractive to expanding companies across Acadiana.

## **A Historic Win** p6-7

### **SLCC Takes the Gold at SkillsUSA**

SLCC achieved a historic milestone as nursing student LeAnn Birchfield won a gold medal in Practical Nursing at the national SkillsUSA competition. Birchfield's victory at this prestigious competition in Atlanta marked SLCC's debut and underscored the college's commitment to excellence and talent development. At the state level, SLCC students placed in First Aid & CPR, Health Knowledge Bowl, Health Occupations Portfolio, Medical Math, Medical Terminology, and Practical Nursing. The Volunteer Champion Award was awarded to SLCC's Director of Career Services, Toni Celestine.

## **The Power of Unity: Our People Are Our Greatest Strength** p8-9

### **Paragon Award Winner**

The College was honored with a Silver 2022 Paragon Award by the National Council for Marketing & Public Relations (NCMPR) for its exceptional Annual Report in the Print Media category. This recognition celebrates SLCC's marketing team's creative approach in showcasing the institution's achievements and highlights their excellence in design and communication among community and technical colleges nationwide.

## **SKILLSUSA WINS**

**FIRST AID & CPR**  
**COURTNEY ROBERTS**  
-GOLD MEDAL

**LEANN BIRCHFIELD**  
-SILVER MEDAL

**HEALTH**  
**KNOWLEDGE**  
**TEAM A**

**JULIE TRUXILLO,**  
**COURTNEY ROBERTS,**  
**AMY BADEAUX,**  
**MEAGHAN STECKLER**  
-SILVER MEDAL

**HEALTH**  
**OCCUPATIONS**  
**PORTFOLIO**  
**MEAGHAN STECKLER**  
-GOLD MEDAL

**MEDICAL MATH**  
**AMY BADEAUX**  
-SILVER MEDAL

**MEDICAL**  
**TERMINOLOGY**  
**LEANN BIRCHFIELD**  
-BRONZE MEDAL

**PRACTICAL NURSING**  
**LEANN BIRCHFIELD**  
-GOLD MEDAL

**VOLUNTEER**  
**CHAMPION AWARD**  
**TONI CELESTINE,**  
**SLCC'S DIRECTOR**  
**OF CAREER**  
**SERVICES & TESTING**

## NEW GRANTS

# 15

GRANTS TOTAL

# \$5,868,525

FINANCIAL IMPACT

## WORKFORCE

# 111

BUSINESSES ASSISTED

# \$1,055,783

INCUMBENT WORKER  
TRAINING PROGRAM GRANT  
DOLLARS AWARDED  
TO LOCAL BUSINESSES

# 2,330

PEOPLE TRAINED

# 1,606

INDUSTRY-BASED  
CREDENTIALS EARNED

## PANTRY

# 2,612

STUDENTS VISITED

# \$1,525

PRIVATE DONATIONS  
COLLECTED

# \$46,000

GRANT DOLLARS RECEIVED

### LMTA Truck Driver of the Year for 2023

Nelson Landry was honored as the Louisiana Motor Transport Association (LMTA) Truck Driver of the Year for 2023. Landry, with over 30 years of driving experience, has made a significant impact on the trucking industry through his teaching and examining roles at SLCC, helping shape the future workforce.

### SLCC Educator Honored by Who's Who Top Educators

Dr. Nellie Prudhomme received recognition as one of Marquis Who's Who Top Educators for her outstanding contributions to the field of health education. Dr. Prudhomme's extensive experience and expertise in nursing, coupled with her dedication to teaching, have made her a valued asset to SLCC as an instructor and a mentor to many in the nursing division.

### SLCC Foundation Raises Thousands in Support of the College

In the past year, the SLCC Foundation witnessed remarkable growth and community support. The Foundation awarded 170 scholarships with a total value of \$185,116. Employee giving soared to \$22,879 and 41 new donors joined the cause. Highlighting its commitment to helping students take a significant step towards their futures, the SLCC Foundation gifted SLCC branded socks to Annual Fund donors as a special token of appreciation, raising \$15,575.

### SLCC Represented at National Energy Conference

Tammie Moore, Director of Morgan City and Franklin campuses, represented the Gulf Region at the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine's workshop on "Navigating the Energy Transition in the Gulf of Mexico." Moore emphasized the importance of community colleges in training the future workforce and staying ahead of industry trends in the evolving energy landscape of the Gulf Region.

### Science Foundation Grant p10-11

#### First National Science Foundation Grant Strengthens Technician Training

The College leveraged a \$225,000 National Science Foundation (NSF) Advanced Technological Education (ATE) grant to enhance technician training and create a certified testing center. This initiative has strengthened programs in Industrial Technology and Industrial Electronics Technology while encouraging student recruitment in technical fields. The program's success has led to expanded industry partnerships, internships, scholarships, and full-time employment opportunities for students, ultimately contributing to more highly qualified technicians in fields of high demand.

### A Ripple Effect of Good: Our Community is Growing! p12-13

#### New Home Health Training Lab

SLCC opened its fifth cutting-edge Home Health Training Lab at the Evangeline Campus in St. Martinville, in collaboration with LHC Group and Myers Family Foundation, as part of the "Legacy of Caring in the Home and Community" project. The initiative aims to prepare a workforce for the expanding home healthcare industry and includes scholarship programs, credentialing, and educational opportunities for students and faculty, all backed by a historic \$2.5 million private investment in the community college.

### New Training Center with the Port of West St. Mary

The College and the Port of West St. Mary opened a state-of-the-art workforce training facility. Supported by an Economic Development Administration (EDA) grant, this facility features classrooms, welding booths, and a Commercial Driver's License (CDL) pad, aiming to advance regional competitiveness, create skilled jobs, and promote private investment.

### SLCC Selected by Amazon as an Education Partner

SLCC was selected as an official education partner for Amazon's Career Choice program, giving Amazon's hourly employees Amazon-funded access to all of SLCC's credit-bearing programs. This partnership enables Acadiana residents to pursue over 30 programs of study across various disciplines, including Business, IT & Technical Studies; Liberal Arts & Humanities; STEM, Transportation & Energy; and Nursing & Allied Health.

### The Pantry Expands to All Campuses

SLCC has expanded its food pantry, known as "The Pantry," to all SLCC locations with the completion of spaces at the St. Martinville, New Iberia, Crowley, Ville Platte, Franklin, and Morgan City campuses. This initiative began in response to a survey revealing that 52% of SLCC students faced food insecurity. Nearly 4,000 visits have been recorded since the first three pantries opened in 2022.

### SLCC Foundation Recognizes Benefactors of the Year

The SLCC Foundation awarded its 2022-23 Benefactor of the Year Award to LHC Group and the Myers Family Foundation. In early 2020, SLCC, LHC Group, and the Myers Family Foundation announced a five-year project called "A Legacy of Caring in the Home and Community." The \$2.5 million funding behind the project represented the largest private investment in a community college in Louisiana at that time. Throughout the project's progression, SLCC has also created a large-scale scholarship program for healthcare students, infused home health education and training into 14 nursing courses, provided home health training opportunities to SLCC's nursing faculty, and established six endowed professorships to support the recruitment and retention of exemplary nursing faculty.

### \$7 Million USDA Grant p14-15

#### SLCC Helps Secure \$7M USDA Grant

South Louisiana Community College business development team, in collaboration with the SBDC (Small Business Development Center) of Louisiana and MEP (Manufacturing Extension Partnership) of Louisiana, played a pivotal role in securing a \$7 million grant from the USDA for Processors LLC, doing business as Guidry's Catfish.



## SLCC FOUNDATION

### ASSETS

**\$8,475,298**

### SCHOLARSHIPS

**170**  
AWARDED

**\$185,116.66**

VALUE

**13**  
NEW

### ANNUAL FUND

**\$15,575**

RAISED

**44**  
DONORS

### ENDOWMENT

**\$4,685,273**

**1725%**

GROWTH SINCE 2014

### EMPLOYEE GIVING

**\$22,879.52**

RAISED

**85**  
PARTICIPANTS

**41**  
NEW DONORS

**1**  
NEW SUSTAINER CIRCLE MEMBER

**13**  
DONORS INCREASED GIVING

# THE JOURNEY NEVER ENDS!

SLCC PROVIDES AN AFFORDABLE, QUALITY EDUCATION, AND MEETS THE TRAINING NEEDS OF OUR STAKEHOLDERS.

SPECIAL THANKS TO  
THE TEAM OF  
EVERYDAY HEROES THAT  
HELP US IMPROVE  
THE LIVES OF  
ACADIANA CITIZENS.

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WE'VE DONE  
SO MUCH FOR  
OUR INSTITUTIONAL  
SUSTAINABILITY,  
BUT HEROES  
NEVER REST!



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SOUTH LOUISIANA COMMUNITY COLLEGE



OUR COMMUNITY  
NEEDS US TO LOOK  
TO THE FUTURE!

LOTS MORE  
IN STORE FOR  
23-24!



## **ANNUAL REPORT 2022-2023**

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