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REIMAGINING **SLCC**

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FROM THE CHANCELLOR



RESILIENCY. INNOVATION. SERVICE.

These three words strike a chord with me as I reflect on 2020-2021. Along with moving from the passenger's seat as a vice chancellor at SLCC to the driver's seat as its new chancellor, I've had the opportunity to lead the college in managing the continuing impacts of COVID-19 as well as dealing with the impacts of hurricanes that hit South Louisiana's coast.

Without a doubt, my first year was atypical and filled with challenges, but our college, the Acadiana community, and its people are resilient and flexible. While we already offered online courses pre-COVID, we quickly pivoted to remote learning for nearly all courses at the onset of the pandemic. Despite the devastation and tragedy that the pandemic brought, I was comforted by the many situations where I saw students helping students and neighbors helping neighbors. That's what I love about Acadiana.

Having been at the college for five years before assuming its top post, I have personally experienced the incredible growth and maturation of SLCC. And the exciting part...it's just beginning.

The last year hasn't held us back. Instead, it only pushed us forward, quicker. Our new normal is here to stay, with lessons learned and a determination to continue improving our students' experiences.

Two priorities for me during my administration is communication with our community partners and revitalization of our rural campuses. It's no secret that SLCC has an incredible network of partners throughout Acadiana, but I see areas where we can improve our communication to keep partners informed and engaged on the progress we are making in workforce and economic development. This annual report is one such avenue for enhanced communication and information.

Secondly, having grown up in a rural community in Florida, I have a passion for small communities and their vibrancy. Most of our campuses sit in rural parishes and serve a critical role in educating local residents. It is important to me to work collectively with each parish and its stakeholders to move our rural communities forward through higher education.

We have made it through the challenges of 2020-2021 and have emerged stronger. I'm excited to see what we will accomplish with your partnership in this new fiscal year!

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

OUR MISSION

SLCC's mission is to transform and enrich the lives of individuals and communities. SLCC commits to providing skills and knowledge through a dynamic learning environment where students realize their potential, compete in today's global economy, and perpetuate to solve the complex problems of tomorrow.

HOW COVID CHANGED SLCC FOR THE BETTER



WITHIN 48 HOURS OF THE STATE, NATION, AND WORLD COMING TO A HALT, FACULTY, STAFF, AND ADMINISTRATORS AT SLCC JUMPED INTO ACTION TO ASSIMILATE TECHNOLOGY AND CONVERT COURSE CONTENT WHEN THE COLLEGE MOVED FROM FACE-TO-FACE TO DISTANCE LEARNING FORMATS IN MID-MARCH

2020. During two long and strenuous days, the SLCC team converted more than 1,100 courses to online formats and readied services for SLCC to open its virtual doors within a week of experiencing a national shutdown. As a by-product of innovative thinking and a highly energized team, SLCC was one of the first institutions of higher learning in Louisiana to resume classes and services for students on the precipice of what would become known as the COVID-19 Global Pandemic.

As mentioned in the Acadiana Advocate, cosmetology instructor Shawn Reynolds taught students from her back porch, where she had access to the strongest WiFi signal. Creativity reigned supreme during the mandated stay-at-home order, with Reynolds having students take photos of their mannequin's haircuts, uploading them to the college's online learning management system. Reynolds is just one shining example of how SLCC faculty became out-of-the-box teaching and learning innovators. Chat bots and chat boxes, Facebook groups, Canvas discussion boards, and WebEx video conferencing became the norm as students navigated college courses throughout the pandemic, with many students simultaneously juggling children in virtual learning environments, experiencing job loss, and tackling food and housing insecurity.

To help remedy some of the strife caused by the pandemic's onset, SLCC provided several rounds of emergency food supplies to students and employees, much in part to generous partners like FoodNet Food Bank of Catholic Charities of Acadiana. The college also provided emergency grocery gift cards from donated funds designated for COVID-19 relief. In essence, the college



and the community came together to take care of their own. Sometimes it takes an event of epic proportions to realize and understand the impact and barriers students regularly face when striving to achieve their goals.

The culminating event for students within higher education is, of course, Commencement. Drive-thru graduations became the norm for SLCC students as it did for so many other educational institutions in the region. SLCC recognized that honoring student and faculty achievement did not stop because of a pandemic. Drive-thru graduations were held spring and fall of 2020, with many students, adorned in cap and gown, loaded in festive, decorated vehicles with family and friends. They were cheered on by faculty and staff where they received their diplomas.

Federal and state governments, through passage of several COVID relief bills, enabled SLCC to disburse additional aid to students. Recognizing that not every student had access to

technology to fully participate in an online or hybrid environment, laptop loaner programs were also initiated. Access to internet services for students was also a challenge, so partnering with organizations such as the Love our Schools Foundation, COX, and OneAcadiana, as part of the Link and Learn project, offered students regional data access points to connect and learn.

While it is undeniable that COVID caused much harm to our world, new and innovative projects, initiatives, systems, and processes also emerged. In fact, they have become part of SLCC's new way of doing business. More options are available for students to access teaching and learning. The college's technology infrastructure has been upgraded to better meet distance learning demands. Most importantly we've all become even more compassionate in serving the needs of our students and the community at-large.



SLCC ❤ STUDENTS

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SLCC has given me the opportunity to achieve a career in the medical field, and it is something that I love to do. The faculty made me feel as if I could achieve anything with hard work and dedication. With all of the knowledge that I was able to learn from SLCC, I can now pass my knowledge to others and train new employees with the company I am hired on with.



Claire

PHLEBOTOMY TECH PROGRAM

STRATEGIC PLAN AND THE FUTURE OF SLCC

THERE'S A NEW CHANCELLOR AT THE HELM OF SLCC, AND HE IS READY TO REIMAGINE ACADIANA'S COMMUNITY COLLEGE. As a Southern boy growing up in Florida, Dr. Vincent June was raised in a family of educators who were passionate about learning. He saw firsthand the impact of education on transforming the lives of individuals and entire communities. This upbringing led June to a long career in higher education and, now, at the helm of SLCC to take it through a new and exciting chapter.

As we continue to navigate a new normal, our world is calling for community colleges to be better than ever. What does that mean for SLCC? It's our time to be a model community college for our state and nation. The college has built a solid foundation of everyday excellence, and it is prepared to advance and refine its core institutional pillars to take SLCC and our communities to the next level. SLCC's goal is to give our students our best by meeting them where they are on their educational paths. Our goal is to be a significant resource to all who live, work and learn in our communities.

With this in mind, SLCC began a strategic planning process in January 2021 that considered input from a wide cross-section of SLCC stakeholders including students, faculty, staff, alumni, businesses and industries, partner organizations, and the broader Acadiana communities.

We envision SLCC as the place of opportunity for our students and a place where we build educational paths connecting students to our communities. We cannot achieve this strategic vision without the collaboration of our partners and community stakeholders.

The college has finalized its 2021-2026 Strategic Plan, entitled Reimagining SLCC. Following an internal rollout with faculty, staff, and students, an external rollout will then be initiated. This will be conducted in various ways through in-person gatherings, virtual calls, and electronic communication pieces.

Certainly, it will take all of us, working collectively and strategically, to elevate our local economy, workforce, and quality of life.

SCAN THE QR CODE TO VIEW OUR
2021-2026 STRATEGIC PLAN



CONVERSATIONS FOCUSED ON FOUR CORE PILLARS:



STUDENT SUCCESS



PEOPLE



COMMUNITY



INSTITUTIONAL SUSTAINABILITY

IMPORTANT INITIATIVES

PARISH TOURS

As part of his introductory tour as permanent chancellor, Dr. June visited all rural parishes to meet with local leaders and gain feedback within his first 90 days. These conversations proved so fruitful that these forums will continue regularly.

DEI COUNCIL

SLCC developed a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Council to hold the institution accountable in the integration of DEI into all aspects of teaching, working, programmatic initiatives, learning, and assessment.

RETENTION & COMPLETION COUNCIL

This employee council, formed in 2019, continues to look at ways to better attract, retain, and help all students successfully graduate from SLCC.

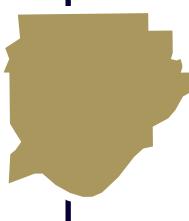
PARISH/CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS



SLCC ONLINE ANYWHERE, USA

WHILE SLCC HAS DOZENS OF ONLINE CLASS OFFERINGS, IT HAS THREE FULLY ONLINE PROGRAMS: Associate of General Studies, Associate of Science in Business, and Associate of Science in Criminal Justice. With an increasing number of students moving online, look for more programs to be added fully online.

More than 120 faculty members at SLCC have been trained in online course design standards. This development opportunity allows faculty members to learn best practices to support online students and their success.



ACADIA PARISH CROWLEY, LA

CLECO ESTABLISHES \$20,000 ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

SCHOLARSHIP Cleco gave \$20,000 to SLCC to establish an endowed scholarship for the college's Power Lineman and Electrical programs. In 2018, Cleco contributed \$50,000 to SLCC to help establish the Power Lineman program which graduated its fourth class of linemen in the Spring. The endowment is eligible for a competitive one-to-one match from the Louisiana Board of Regents. Priority will be given to females and minorities due to their low enrollment in energy education programs.

CROWLEY NURSING PROGRAM ACHIEVES 100 PERCENT PASS RATE FOR SECOND STRAIGHT YEAR

SLCC's Practical Nursing graduates at its Acadian Campus in Crowley successfully achieved a 100 percent pass rate on the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-PN) on their first time taking the exam. The students are graduates from the December 2019 class. For two years, the students in the PN program in Crowley received 100 percent pass rates. The national average pass rate is 85.63% for first time test-takers, according to the National Council of State Boards of Nursing.



AVOYELLES PARISH COTTONPORT, LA

SLCC EXPANDS FOOTPRINT TO AVOYELLES PARISH

Effective July 1, 2022, the Ward H. Nash Avoyelles Campus in Cottonport will be realigned with SLCC, as part of a strategic campus realignment plan approved by the Louisiana Community and Technical College System Board of Supervisors earlier this year.

In the year ahead, college leaders will work with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to get the Avoyelles campus under SLCC's accreditation while simultaneously working with the U.S. Department of Education for various financial aid certifications.



EVANGELINE PARISH VILLE PLATTE, LA

NURSING STUDENTS GET REALISTIC TRAINING IN VILLE PLATTE

As health care increasingly moves into the home, SLCC has partnered with LHC Group and the Myers Family Foundation to bring home health training to nursing students. The partnership includes a state-of-the-art lab that mimics a patient's home or living room. The new lab in Ville Platte will allow students to practice their skills specific to a home health setting during their program.

RENOVATIONS COMPLETE AT C.B. COREIL

SLCC's Ville Platte campus received upgrades and renovations worth over \$400,000 as part of a campus beautification initiative. The renovation included the campus' front lobby, offices, conference room, and a multipurpose room for school and community events. Bathrooms throughout the campus were renovated, and existing space was used to create a Student Success Center to house tutoring and the Center for Minority Excellence.



IBERIA PARISH NEW IBERIA, LA

MCDONALD'S EMPLOYEES BENEFIT FROM SLCC TUITION DISCOUNT

A partnership between Miller Management Inc. and SLCC will give McDonald's employees financial help to pay for college. Employees utilizing the Archways to Opportunity program to help pay for college will now be able to access an additional \$500 per semester from SLCC beginning Fall 2021, for up to four semesters. Part-time students will be able to access an additional \$250 per semester for up to four semesters.

PHLEBOTOMY TECH COMES TO IBERIA PARISH

SLCC brought a Phlebotomy Technician program to its Iberia Parish location in 2020. The 10-week program provides students with the information and skills needed to collect blood specimens in a healthcare setting. According to the Bureau of Labor, employment of phlebotomists is projected to grow 23% from 2018 to 2028. Hospitals, diagnostic laboratories, blood donor centers, and other locations will need phlebotomists to perform bloodwork.

3-WEEK PROGRAM BRINGS JOB TRAINING AND JOB OFFERS

After completing a 3-week course, 96% of students in SLCC's Industrial Scaffolding Program receive a formal job offer from local businesses. The average starting salary for an SLCC scaffolding graduate is \$51,000, with most students also reporting an average of a 20-25% pay increase from their first year of employment to the second year.



I chose South Louisiana Community College because it was the most affordable, local, and trustworthy option. SLCC makes me feel comfortable and safe to reach out and experience new things.



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PARISH/CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS



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SLCC was my school of choice since I was in the 9th grade. The main reason I selected SLCC was that it was close to home and I can remain with my parents just a little while longer! The tuition was affordable, and the class sizes were small. Adjusting to SLCC was no problem. I also work as a student worker at the Gulf Area Campus and being able to make money while in school is awesome.

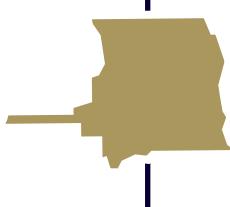
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GENERAL STUDIES



LAFAYETTE PARISH
LAFAYETTE, LA

SLCC AND UL LAFAYETTE PARTNER FOR ENGINEERING PROGRAM SLCC and the University of Louisiana at Lafayette created another path for students to earn degrees from both institutions – this time, a degree in engineering. Students earn an associate degree in general studies with a pre-engineering concentration at SLCC. All credits transfer to UL Lafayette, enabling SLCC graduates to pursue bachelors degrees in chemical, civil, electrical and computer, mechanical, or petroleum engineering. The transfer agreement will take effect for the Fall 2021 semester.

STUDENTS AND EMPLOYEES CLEAN UP LAFAYETTE
SLCC faculty, staff, and students partnered with the One Acadiana team to participate in Lafayette Parish Proud cleanup days throughout 2020 and 2021. The combined groups helped to clean up the areas between Cameron Street and Willow Street on University Avenue.

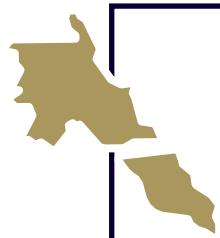


ST. LANDRY PARISH OPELOUSAS, LA

FIRST TWO LPN-TO-RN CLASSES GRADUATE

FROM SLCC The first two graduating classes of SLCC's LPN-to-RN Transition program graduated May 2020 and May 2021. The first cohort of 20 students began in the Fall 2019 term. The accelerated program includes three semesters combined with credit for prior learning. Students are required to have three years of experience as an LPN to be admitted to the program.

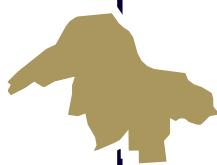
T. H. HARRIS RECEIVES RENOVATIONS Walking into SLCC's T. H. Harris Campus may look different. The campus recently received a \$500,000 worth of upgrades and renovations and included over 18,000 square feet of space. The renovation included the campus' front lobby, faculty and staff offices, breakroom, library, and restrooms in Building A. Existing space was used to create an Office of Student Engagement, as well as a Student Success Center to house tutoring and the Center for Minority Excellence. A new area for unisex restrooms was also added.



ST. MARTIN PARISH ST. MARTINVILLE, LA

CARPENTRY PROGRAM RETURNS TO ST.

MARTIN PARISH CAMPUS A new carpentry course returned to SLCC's St. Martinville Campus after being restructured to better meet the needs of industry. The newest cohort started the five-month program in March 2021 and finished in August. Students can take the full program or specific skill sections such as blueprint reading or material estimating.



ST. MARY PARISH MORGAN CITY, LA

H&B YOUNG FOUNDATION AWARDS LARGEST

GRANT TO SLCC The H&B Young Foundation awarded more than \$550,000 in grant dollars for SLCC's Young Memorial Campus. The H&B Young Foundation was established in 1955 by brothers Hugh and Byrnes Young for the city's betterment. The grant funded equipment, supplies, student scholarships, and positions for new programs at the college's Morgan City Campus.



VERMILION PARISH ABBEVILLE, LA

STATE-OF-THE-ART HOME HEALTH TRAINING

LAB ESTABLISHED IN ABBEVILLE SLCC cut the ribbon on a Home Health Training Lab at the college's Gulf Area Campus in Abbeville as part of the college's "Legacy of Caring in the Home and Community" project with LHC Group and Myers Family Foundation. The project began in 2020. The college unveiled similar labs at its Ville Platte and Morgan City campuses in 2021. Later this year, three additional labs will be completed at SLCC's St. Martinville, Crowley, and Opelousas campuses.

GULF COAST BANK CREATES SCHOLARSHIP

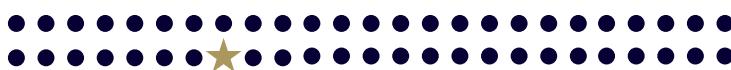
ENDOWMENT IN FOUNDERS NAME Gulf Coast Bank and the Patout Family established a \$50,000 scholarship endowment at SLCC in memory of Charles A. Patout, founder of the community bank. This investment is part of the bank's celebration of 50 years in business this year. The scholarship will be eligible for one-to-one match dollars from the Louisiana Board of Regents, which if successfully funded, will bring the total endowment to \$100,000. Once invested, the scholarship will be awarded each year to a full-time SLCC student studying Business and holding a minimum 2.5 grade point average. The endowed scholarship is expected to be awarded beginning in 2023.

SLCC BY THE NUMBERS

We have more than

50+ PROGRAMS

to choose from (credit and non-credit).

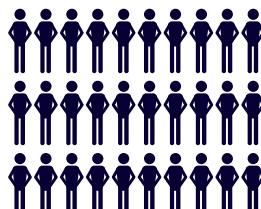


STUDENT HEADCOUNT, 2020-21

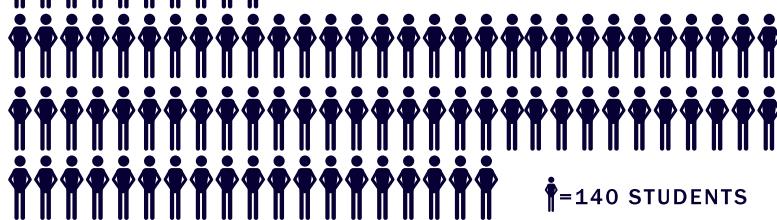
FOR-CREDIT **8,032**

NON-CREDIT **2,750**

ADULT EDUCATION **4,558**



SLCC SERVED
15,340 STUDENTS
IN 2020-21.



CAMPUSES IN 8 PARISHES

Study close to where you live and work.



25
YEARS
OLD

AVERAGE AGE
(FOR-CREDIT
DEGREE-SEEKING
FALL 2020)

PERCENT OF

1ST

GENERATION
COLLEGE STUDENTS

76%

Grants & Scholarships

\$25 MILLION



2020-21 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

ASSOCIATE DEGREES
AWARDED

12%
INCREASE

INDUSTRY-BASED
CREDENTIALS
AWARDED

39%
INCREASE

FOUNDATION ASSETS

30%
INCREASE

AVERAGE
GRANT/SCHOLARSHIP
PER STUDENT

13%
INCREASE

STUDENTS
IMPACTED
BY REBOOT

595



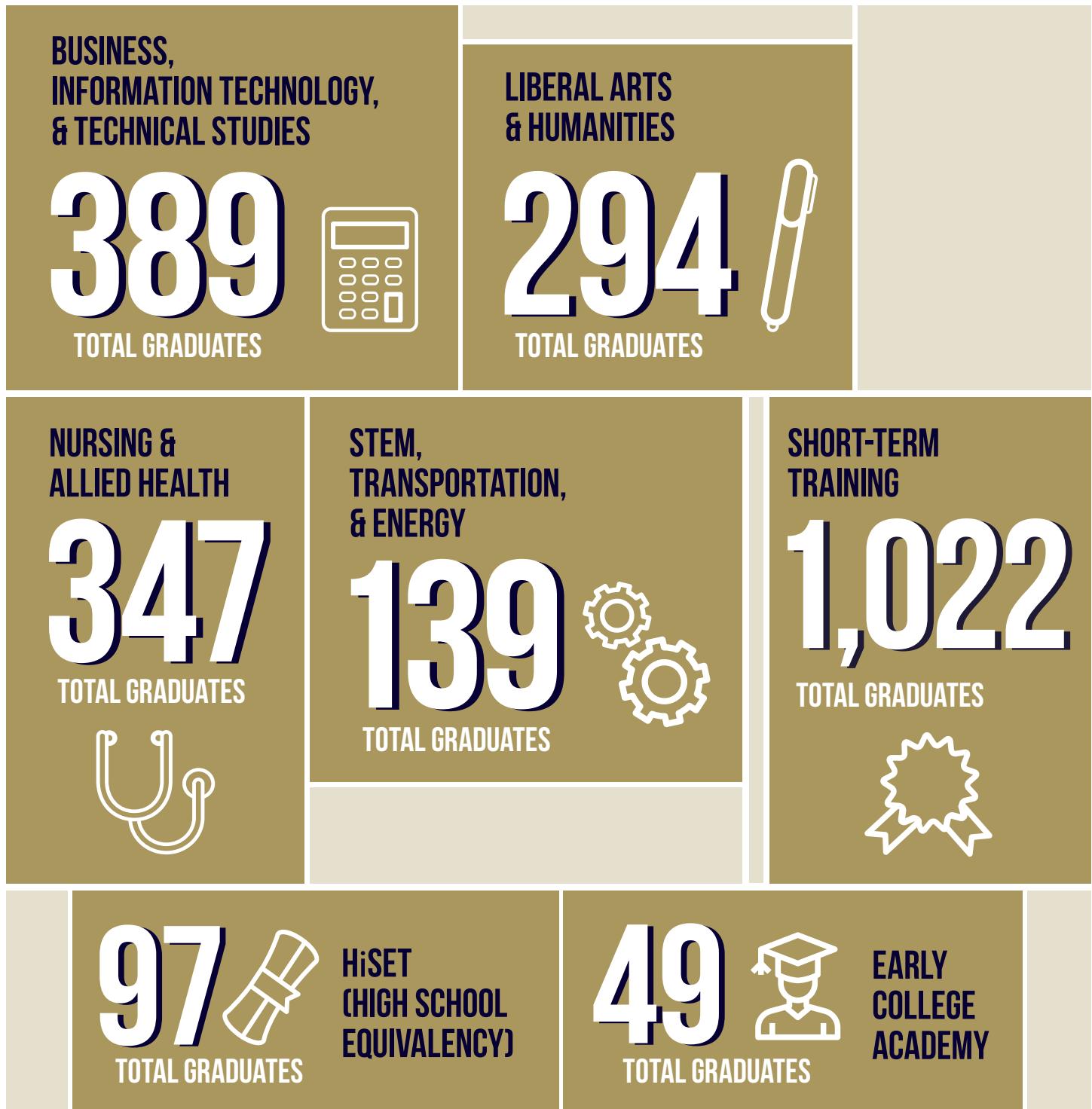
The school that we chose had to meet specific criteria: easy communication between us and the instructors, flexibility, and affordability. SLCC was the easy choice and one we would not regret. SLCC offers a top-tier nursing program in a state-of-the-art setting. Instructors are eager to help and want nothing more than for you to succeed. The support the staff gives to its students is unmatched.

**Christopher
& Demetri**

GENERAL STUDIES
REGISTERED NURSING PATH

GRADUATE PROFILE 2020-2021

SLCC RELEASED ITS FIRST-EVER GRADUATE PROFILE FOLLOWING THE COLLEGE'S SPRING 2021 COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES IN MAY. This one-pager visually displays SLCC's completers from June 2020 – May 2021 in associate, technical diploma, industry-based credentials, and Adult Education (HiSET) programs. With One Acadia's "55 By 25" initiative being a driving force of regional efforts, SLCC is proud to share this profile with the community and businesses to help fill the region's jobs and careers, while also helping hundreds of students to transfer seamlessly to local universities.





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I first came to SLCC for Adult Ed when I was 17 years old and then came back as a college student. I struggled my first semester because of the transition to virtual classes as a new college student, but SLCC staff continued to help me and support me through it all! I have gained confidence in myself and am proud of how well I've done so far.

I love SLCC!

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Haylee

GENERAL STUDIES

SLCC FOUNDATION



THE SLCC FOUNDATION HONORED GULF COAST BANK AS ITS 2020-21 BENEFACITOR OF THE YEAR, ITS MOST PRESTIGIOUS AWARD. Gulf Coast Bank has partnered with SLCC since 2013 in a number of ways. The bank has offered time and expertise through its President and CEO, Paul Patout, serving as a key voice on the SLCC Foundation board in its early years of development. In addition, Gulf Coast Bank has partnered with the Lt. Dronet Marine Corps League in Abbeville to offer an annual scholarship for a student who graduated from a Vermilion Parish high school and who is studying at SLCC's Gulf

Area Campus in Abbeville. The bank also helped to underwrite several initiatives and events at SLCC and recently announced a \$50,000 endowment in the name of the bank's founder, Charles P. Patout (see page 13).

The Benefactor of the Year award is the fourth for the SLCC Foundation, where an outstanding partnership is recognized each year. Previous honorees are the Hugh and Byrnes Young Foundation, OchsnerLafayette General Health and Elder Outreach.

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