

## **Points of Excellence 1999 - 2000**

Southeastern celebrated its first 75 years with events and activities throughout the year 2000.

President Clausen and InterAmerican Development Bank President Enrique Iglesias signed an agreement to promote and expand cooperative activities between IDB member countries and Southeastern.

Rene Preval, President of Haiti, and Astrid Fischel, Vice President of Costa Rica, were two of the many distinguished speakers brought to campus.

Southeastern made headlines and history this year when President Sally Clausen signed an agreement with area school districts to guarantee the quality of Southeastern Education graduates, with a promise to re-train them tuition free, if necessary.

Southeastern's College of Basic Studies' High School Cooperative project was selected as one of 19 finalists for the American Council on Education (ACE) Award.

John Hoover, Developmental Education, won Louisiana's J.J. Ewell Award for Outstanding Developmental Educator.

Cynthia Prestholdt, Nursing, was nominated for the Helen Creemans Excellence in Teaching Award, Baton Rouge Foundation.

Source: SLU Annual Report 1999-2000

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Communication Professor Joe Burns' website, "HTML Goodies" was recognized by Microsoft Encarta 2000 as one of the top five websites.

Michael Kurtz, Dean of Graduate Studies, received the Louisiana Historical Association's Garnie W. McGinty Lifetime Meritorious Award.

Fanfare Assistant Director Keiron Couret was named 1999 Woman of the Year by the Hammond Fraise Du Bois Charter Chapter of the American Business Women's Association.

Ann Nauman, Counseling, Family Studies and Educational Leadership, was an invited scholar on ROSE, an international science research project.

Southeastern's "Commitment to Excellence" campaign reached \$13.3 million, exceeding the base goal of \$6.75 million and the challenge goal of \$10.75 million.

The Southeastern Debate Team was ranked second in the region and 27<sup>th</sup> in the nation by the Cross Examination Debate Association.

Computer Science majors placed 11<sup>th</sup> overall and third among Louisiana teams in the ACM's Regional Programming Contest.

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Graduate student Rebecca Souther won the Student Research Award in Aquatic Biology from the Association of Southeastern Biologists.

Education graduate student Janic Moritz scored the highest in the nation on the Counselor Preparation Comprehensive Exam.

At the Louisiana Association of Housing Officer's state conference for resident assistants, Edward Thomas received the Male Resident Assistant of the Year Award.

Southeastern again received a clean bill of financial health from the Office of the Louisiana Legislative Auditor for 1999. "Southeastern consistently has good audits," said Legislative Auditor Dan Kyle.

The International Studies Program offers summer study abroad and exchange opportunities in Mexico, England, France, Italy, Germany, Austria and the Caribbean. Last year nearly 100 students participated in the program.

The *1998-99 Annual Report* and Art Director Julie Ruckstuhl's illustration for a poster for Dancework's *The Water Maiden* won awards in CASE competition.

The Small Business Development Center assisted 420 clients seeking business assistance, and provided more than 2,700 hours of training to area businesses. Counselors more than doubled their assistance with loans, helping with more than \$11.5 million in loan acquisitions.

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