

# Points of Excellence

## 2006 - 2007

- » For the second consecutive year, the **Southeastern Channel** won an Emmy - for a promotional spot for its award winning program about the history of the Florida parishes, *The Florida Parish Chronicles*.
- » For the fifth consecutive year, Southeastern's yearbook, *Le Souvenir*, was recognized with a first-place award from the American Scholastic Press Association in New York.
- » Southeastern Laboratory School art teacher, **Ms. Denise Tullier-Holly**, was named the 2007 National Elementary Art Educator of the Year by the National Art Education Association.
- » Theater instructor **James Winter's** original full-length play, *Dead Flowers*, was selected to be turned into a film by the independent film company, Ghost Rider Pictures.
- » Management professor **Dr. David Wyld** received the national "Rising Star Award," presented by e-Gov Institute and Federal Computer Week, as an up and coming leader in the government information technology community. The award recognized his work in RFID (Radio Frequency Identification) technology.
- » Southeastern wetlands expert **Dr. Paul Keddy** was selected from researchers across the country to receive the 2007 National Wetlands Award for Science Research co-presented by the Environmental Law Institute. The prize was awarded at a national ceremony at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's headquarters in Washington, D.C.
- » *The Manchac Swamp: Man-made Disaster in Search of Resolution*, a film produced by **Southeastern's Center for Southeast Louisiana Studies**, was selected to appear in the New York International Film Festival. The film details the historical degradation of the Manchac Swamp ecosystem.
- » Southeastern's student newspaper, *the Lion's Roar*, received four awards at the annual Louisiana Press Association 2006 meeting. The paper received a first place award in the "Advertising Idea or Promotion" category, a second place in the advertising "Black and White Over ½ Page" category, a third place in the "Best General News Photo or Feature Photo" category, and an honorable mention in the "General Excellence" category.

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- » **The Southeastern Chapter of Gamma Beta Phi** hosted the 2006 Louisiana State Conference on campus. Southeastern was also the only chapter in the state to receive the Distinguished Chapter Award, which is the highest award given by the national organization to a local chapter.
- » **Southeastern's Epsilon Phi Chapter of Delta Tau Delta International Fraternity** earned top honors at the Southern Division Leadership Conference held in Atlanta. Epsilon Phi was one of two chapters in the Southern Division to receive the Chapter of Excellence award for their outstanding commitment to excellence in both internal and external operations of the chapter.
- » **Southeastern and the U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (USHCC) Foundation** signed an agreement designed to foster the development of programs and initiatives to aid the region's growing Hispanic business community. It is the first such agreement between a Louisiana university and the USHCC. A key focus of the program is the creation of the Latino Virtual National Business and Training Institute. The institute will develop electronic learning tools and other business-related training resources that will be offered to chambers of commerce and other organizations throughout the nation.
- » Southeastern Biologist **Dr. Brian Crother** was elected president-elect of the Society for the Study of Amphibians and Reptiles, an international scientific society.
- » Two Southeastern professors, **Dr. Frederick Dembowski** in the College of Education and Human Development, and **Dr. Robert Kramer** in the College of Nursing and Health Sciences, were appointed to editorial positions with national publications. Dembowski is serving as managing editor of *NCPEA Connexions* and Kramer was appointed associate editor of the journal *Metabolism*.
- » **Dr. Aristides R. Baraya**, director of the College of Business Latin American Business Initiative, was nominated to participate in the National Hispanic Leadership Summit for the second consecutive year. He was one of only 350 individuals in the nation nominated by U.S. senators to participate in the conference.
- » Mathematics professor **Dr. Zach Teitler** was selected as a participant in the prestigious national program, Project NExT (New Experiences in Teaching), which drew new or recent doctoral degree recipients interested in improving the teaching and learning methods of undergraduate mathematics students.

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