

# Points of Excellence

## 2008 - 2009

- » A study commissioned by the University of Louisiana System showed that Southeastern has a **\$565 million** annual economic impact on the state and supports more than 5,700 non-university jobs.
- » With the accreditation of the Visual Arts program by the **National Association of Schools of Art and Design (NASAD)**, every Southeastern degree program achieved the national discipline-specific accreditation required or recommended by the Board of Regents.
- » During Homecoming festivities, Southeastern recognized the largest gift ever made to the university- a \$ 3.5 million bequest from the late **Joyce Capron Junghans** to support academics, including student scholarships.
- » The **Southeastern Channel** won **10 national 2008 Telly Awards** for programs and promotional spots. Five originally produced programs -- "The Florida Parish Chronicles," "Backyard Wonders," "Lion Tracks," a history telecourse, and a Southeastern Wind Symphony concert -- were honored, as well as promotional spots for "TV Rule of Thumb," "Surfing the Internet," Southeastern basketball and the show open for the music video program "INDI-Visual."
- » The 2007 edition of *Le Souvenir*, Southeastern's yearbook, won a first place award in the **American Scholastic Press Association's** annual yearbook competition.
- » Southeastern's **Beta Epsilon Chapter of Theta Phi Alpha** was honored with the Circle of Excellence Award at the 47th National award convention. The highest national award given to a chapter, the Circle of Excellence encompasses the activities of a chapter for an entire biennium. The organization also was acknowledged with the Helen Ryan Quinlan Community Service Award, the highest award for community service.
- » Southeastern's public radio station, 90.9 KSLU, received an **Award of Distinction** from International Communicator Awards. The station was honored for "**Rock School**," a weekly one-hour show featuring classic rock music and little known facts about legendary artists.
- » The **Southeastern Channel** was nominated for four regional **Emmy Awards**. The nominations included the Fanfare 2007 lecture "Paul is Dead," presented by Communication professor Joe Burns and videotaped and edited by Communication major Chris LeCoq of Morganza, and for the spots created by the channel videographer-editor Josh Kapusinski promoting the channel's "Northshore Gems" travel show and its recently-redesigned web site and 24-hour webcast.

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- Members of the student staff of the Office of Student Publications received the prestigious **Columbia Scholastic Press Association Gold Circle Awards** for their work on the *The Lion's Roar* student newspaper and *Le Souvenir* yearbook. In student newspapers categories, **Tim Mitchell**, a senior General Studies major, won first place in the "Editorial Cartoons for Newspapers" category. Mitchell also received a third place certificate in the newspaper cartoon portfolio category. Sophomore Marketing major **April Henry**, received a third place certificate for her black and white single spot news photograph "Eating Contest," which appeared in *The Lion's Roar*. Senior Visual Arts major **Patrick Costilow** was awarded certificates for his designs for the 2008 edition of *Le Souvenir*. Costilow received a second place certificate for his multi-page black and white academic spread featuring Fayard Hall and third place for a black and white division page design.
- Emmit Glynn**, a graduate student in History through the Teaching American History grant program, was selected the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities Teacher of the Year for 2007. Glynn teaches at Episcopal High School in Baton Rouge.
- Southeastern's **Epsilon Phi Chapter of Delta Tau Delta** is ranked second in the nation after receiving the prestigious **Hugh Shields Award** at the division leadership conference in Franklin, Tennessee. The chapter also received the **Chapter of Excellence Award**, the highest regional honor that a chapter can win.
- Southeastern's students were honored with awards at the **Region VI Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival** at Texas State University in San Marcos, Texas. Southeastern was awarded the "Excellence in Honor Crew" award, and playwright **Tommie Sorrell** received the "Excellence in Playwriting" award and is a national finalist for the **John Cauble Short Play Award**.
- Southeastern's music students took first and second place in the **2009 Rapides Symphony Orchestra Concerto Competition**, in Alexandria. Cello performance major **Feliks Volozhanin** took the top prize, second prize went to **Lillia Oliinyk**, a freshman piano performance major.
- Southeastern student **Jane Frances Rownd** of Hammond was a recipient of a national award for post-graduate study from the National Honor Society of **Phi Kappa Phi**. A senior vocal performance major, she was one of 40 students nationwide to receive the honor society's **Award of Excellence**. She is using the fellowship's \$2,000 award to pursue a master's degree in vocal performance at Indiana University, one of the nation's top music schools.

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