

Grant Highlights

Fiscal Year 2020 - 2021



- » **Dr. April Wright (Department of Biological Sciences)** - Awarded \$1,125,000 from The National Science Foundation for five year grant to integrate information from the fossil record with data collected from living species to infer phylogenetic relationships. She was also awarded \$83,160 from the Louisiana State University/Louisiana Biomedical Research Network. The project is titled *“Using mechanistic models to estimate Node Ages from heterogeneous data sources.”*
- » **Dr. Kyle Piller (Department of Biological Sciences)** – Received a \$409,200 from the National Science Foundation for the Curation, Digitization and Geo-referencing of the Ichthyology Herpetology Collection at Southeastern Louisiana University.
- » **Mrs. June Taylor (TRIO: Student Support Services)** - Student Support Services was awarded \$400,987 from the U.S. Department of Education. SSS provides tutoring, mentoring, academic, career, financial aid, and graduate school counseling, cultural events, and workshops. The services enhance participants’ academic, career and personal development skills. It is also designed to prepare participants for a successful college career as well as for the working world after graduation.
- » **Ms. Brittney Johnson and Dr. Cecile Guin (Department of Health & Human Sciences)** – Received \$160,000 from the Mental Health Association of Greater Baton Rouge. The project titled *“Louisiana COVID 19 Emergency Response for Suicide Prevention Project”* was designed to decrease rates of suicides and suicide attempts in adults ages 25 and older, with attention directed to those affected by COVID-19 discharged from hospitals and psychiatric settings.
- » **Dr. Deborah Dardis (Department of Biological Sciences) and Dr. Troy Williams (Department of Chemistry & Physics)** - Awarded \$149,417 from the U.S. National Oceanographic Atmospheric Agency (NOAA) for a project titled *“Project CREATES: Creating Environmentally Active Teachers and Students”*, a two-year project to increase teacher and student understanding and stewardship of the Gulf of Mexico and more specifically Lake Pontchartrain. The target audience is comprised of teachers and students from Tangipahoa Parish School System, which services a largely rural, economically disadvantaged, minority population.
- » **Dr. Amber Narro and Dr. Joe Burns (Department of Communication and Media Studies)** - Approved for a \$75,460 Board of Regents grant to support livestreaming activities in the Department of Communication and Media Studies. The grant will fund equipment to livestream news, shows and university events.

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