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Irene Lewis Named Southern University's Chief Student Marshal

Irene Lewis will graduate with the highest grade point average in the Spring 2020 Class



Irene L. Lewis,

BATON ROUGE, LA. — Irene L. Lewis, a Southern University Agricultural Sciences major with a concentration in Plant and Soil Science, has been named the University's Spring 2020 Chief Student Marshal, the student graduating with the highest grade point average in the class.

"I am honored to serve as Chief Student Marshal to remind the Class of 2020 that we are resilient," said Lewis, who graduated with a 3.9 grade point average.

Irene went on to say that she began college wanting to graduate as the chief student marshal but admitted that she quickly learned that a college experience is more than academics.

"I learned that my college experience was much more important than my grades," said Lewis. "It is about the people you meet and the memories you make. I never would have thought I would experience 'virtual graduation,' but here we are. I say all of that to say, even though life did not follow an exact path for me, I am glad we can still celebrate," she added.

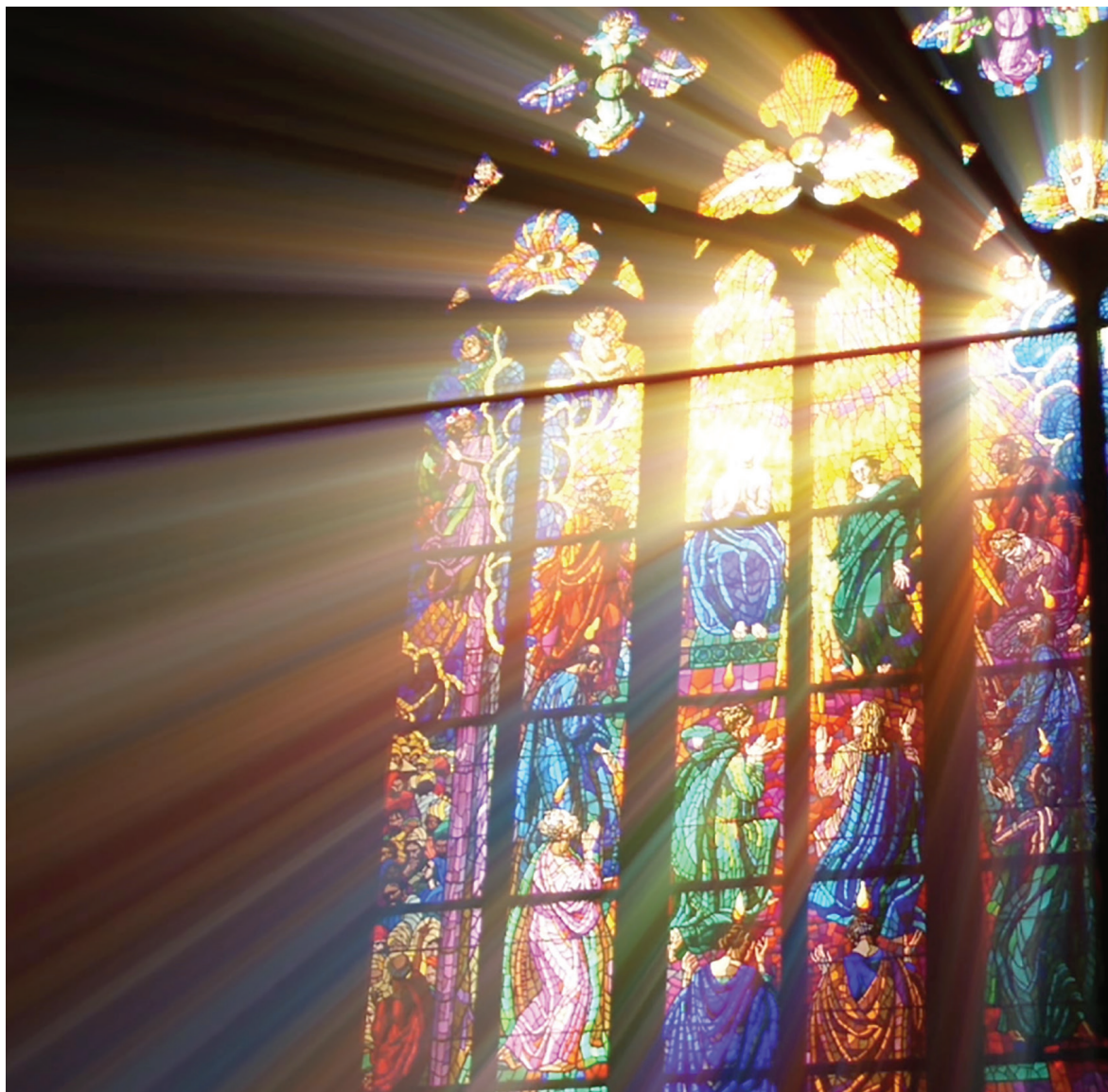
The COVID-19 pandemic wasn't the first time Lewis had a disruption from her planned path. In 2016, her home flooded days before the start of her freshman year at college.

"It was difficult starting class almost immediately after losing the home I grew up in," said Irene. "It was even more difficult watching my family have to bounce back and my siblings adjust to moving to a new town all in a matter of months," expressed Irene.

"I think watching how strong both my younger brother and sister were as well

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Reopening for Outdoor Religious, Places of Worship



In accordance with Governor John Bel Edwards' COVID-19 Proclamation released May 1, 2020 any outdoor religious and/or place of worship venue must adhere to strict mitigation standards preventing the spread of COVID-19. The general operating guide will require spacing of groups, limiting concentration of people, strict use of PPE, and frequent sanitizing.

Life Safety and Egress:

- Open Areas and Temporary Tents, subject to local or parish rules and ordinances must meet NFPA 101 Life

Safety Code and all of the sides must be open

- The tent must not be an enclosed tent
- The following conditions are required:
 - Capacity is subject to social distancing requirements and spacing of seated attendees with strict supervision of crowd managers
 - Limited group seating to persons who are members of the same household
 - Modify human contact as part of any religious

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House Further Cuts Healthcare in First Rewrite of State Budget Proposal



BATON ROUGE, La. — The House's budget committee Thursday, May 21 approved a modest rewrite of Governor John Bel Edwards' proposal for state spending.

The appropriations committee's plan would divert \$12 million more away from the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) to pay for improvements to state agricultural centers and help fund pay raises for judges, though justices of the state's Supreme Court testified they would use the extra money to cover ordinary operating expenses that remain unfunded because of the coronavirus.

"In the big scheme of things, with the budget the size that it is, we're telling you we only object to \$12 million or so," Commissioner of Administration Jay Dardenne told the appropriations committee. "That's a pretty good record that we've come together on."

Louisiana faces a \$900 million shortfall because of the coronavirus pandemic's impact on the state's economy, but federal aid will ultimately mitigate all but \$80 million in cuts.

The TOPS scholarship, K-12 schools, and social services are paid for under the latest iteration of the plan. Colleges would still take a roughly \$21 million reduction, though it's unclear how smaller class sizes and reduced dorm capacity will affect higher education's bottom line.

"We will certainly do all we can to make

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BREC Announces First Stage of Phased Reopening Plan

BATON ROUGE, La. - Since March 17, all of BREC's indoor facilities, playgrounds, outdoor fitness equipment, and large attractions such as the Zoo, Bluebonnet Swamp, and Magnolia Mound have been closed to the public in order to help limit the spread of COVID-19. In anticipation of the Governor's announcement that Louisiana will move into the first phase of loosening restrictions on May 15, BREC consulted with national, state and local recreation, health, and tourism experts to create a three-phased plan to reopen amenities and facilities as it is safe to do so.

The Governor's Stay at Home Order declared that "engaging in outdoor

activity, provided individuals maintain a distance of six feet from one another" is an essential activity along with obtaining food and medicine. As such, BREC has an obligation to provide its essential services to East Baton Rouge Parish residents where it is safe to do so. This phased reopening plan is driven by the following factors: offering public services to citizens where compliance with CDC, state, and local guidelines can be achieved; maintaining the health and safety of BREC staff and the community; protecting vulnerable populations; and

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AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana Donates \$20,000 to Combat Food Insecurity

BATON ROUGE, La. — AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana, a Healthy Louisiana Medicaid managed care plan, today announced a \$20,000 donation to support Feeding Louisiana in addressing food insecurity in the state.

Access to nourishing food is a key determinant of overall health. Research shows communities with the highest rates of food insecurity also face a higher prevalence for chronic disease[1]. Louisiana has one of the highest levels of food insecurity in the United States. According to Feeding America:

- One-in-six Louisiana households already struggled to put food on the table before the COVID-19 pandemic.
- One out of every four Louisiana children lives in a food-insecure household. In rural parishes, it's one in three. School closures, job disruptions, lack of paid sick leave and the health threat's disproportionate impact on the elderly and low-income families are only a few aspects of this evolving crisis.
- Food banks are experiencing a decrease in dona-

tions, unique product distribution challenges, declining volunteer groups, and an increased product demand for vulnerable populations.

"Few things are more fundamental to our ability to lead healthy and productive lives than having adequate access to nutritious food," said AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana Market President Kyle Viator. "AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana is proud to support Feeding Louisiana's mission to serve as a unified voice for Louisiana's hungry by providing short-term food relief while seeking long-term solutions to hunger."

"Feeding Louisiana and its members are deeply appreciative for AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana's support of its efforts in responding to increased food assistance needs due to the spread of COVID-19," said Feeding Louisiana Executive Director Corey Patty. "This gift will allow Louisiana's food banks to serve more impacted individuals and families through the distribution of more than 70,000 meals to communities in need across all 64 parishes of the state."

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ceremony

- State approved fire extinguisher within 75 feet of tent area
- Minimum 7-foot 6-inch head room (ceiling height)

Crowd managers shall be provided to call for emergency evacuation, enforce social distancing requirements, assign seating to attendees and further manage any movement of people throughout the service.

- This function can be performed by ushers, staff or leadership
- One crowd manager shall be provided for every 50 persons in attendance
- In the event of a fire or other emergency they must call for evacuation and then call 911
- Maintain a 6 foot distance between persons or congregated people of household from others when entering, moving about, seating or exiting
- Seating of persons or congregated persons of a household shall be assigned in a manner that allows spacing of at least 6 feet from all other individuals seated (this applies to seating available or either side, forward or behind)

Louisiana Department of Health Guidance

It is encouraged that persons be asked not to attend if they are 65 years or older or have identified chronic health conditions or comorbidities.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

- o Crowd managers are required to wear face masks/coverings
- o Crowd managers should wear gloves when handling chairs and other items as part of their duties and should wash their hands before and after assisting with their set up and break down
- o It is strongly recommended that attendees wear face masks/coverings
- Cleaning of Outdoor Dining Areas

ing Areas

- Clean the area or item with soap and water or another detergent if it is dirty, then use a disinfectant
- Tables, chairs & seats should be cleaned after every service
- Recommended Cleaning Products
- Clean the area or item with soap and water or another detergent if it is dirty, then use disinfectant
- Recommend use of EPA-registered household disinfectant: follow the instructions on the label to ensure safe and effective use of the product.
- Many products recommend keeping the surface wet for a period of time (see label)
- Precautions such as wearing gloves and making sure you have good ventilation during use of the product
- Diluted household bleach solutions may also be used if appropriate for the surface
- Check the label to see if your bleach is intended for disinfection and ensure the product is not past its expiration date. Some bleaches, such as those designed to be safe to use on colored clothing or for whitening may not be suitable for disinfection.
- Unexpired household bleach will be effective against coronavirus when properly diluted. Follow manufacturer's instructions for application and proper ventilation. Never mix bleach with ammonia or any other cleanser. Leave solution on the surface for at least 1 minute.
- To make a bleach solution, mix:
 - 5 Tablespoons (1/3 cup) bleach per gallon of water
 - OR
 - 4 Teaspoons bleach per quart of water
 - Alcohol solutions with at least 70% alcohol may also be used

Graves Announces Massive Boost For Coronavirus Testing in Louisiana

WASHINGTON, DC — U.S. Congressman Garret Graves (South Louisiana) announced a new federally-funded testing effort by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) to significantly expand coronavirus diagnostic and antibody testing in Louisiana.

"The United States has conducted more coronavirus testing than any other country in the world, but it is still not enough. When you can't test adequately, you can't isolate those that are contagious. This results in a burden or threat on 100% of the population in the form of stay home orders, businesses closed and other restrictions — though current known cases in the state affects only 0.1891% of Louisiana's residents. This \$190,781,430 in new federal funding for testing in Louisiana will help us to flip the equation over and identify that fraction of our residents that have coronavirus and free up the rest of our citizens," Graves bellowed.

U.S. Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Alex Azar and President Donald Trump announced the \$190 million in new CDC funding for Louisiana to complement the nearly \$20 million in cooperative agreement and lab capacity funding previously provided to the state. This new commitment of federal funds is the result of bipartisan legislation Congress passed approximately three weeks ago in the Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act. U.S. Representatives Ralph Abraham, Clay Higgins, Mike Johnson, Cedric Richmond, Steve Scalise and Graves all supported enactment



U.S. Congressman Garret Graves

of the law.

"We have seen massive job loss, economic decline and family businesses going under because of government restrictions. We need to focus on reopening, economic recovery and getting our families working again — not prolonged decline. If invested properly, this record investment in coronavirus testing in Louisiana provides the resources to have robust and extensive data guiding efforts to let us reopen quickly and safely. I encourage our legislators and the governor to quickly tap these resources, implement a comprehensive testing program and get Louisiana open again," Graves said.

Under the federal program, the State of Louisiana must submit testing goals and a plan to achieve such goals to HHS. According to

HHS, the plan must include:

- Number of tests needed, month-by-month to include diagnostic, serological, and other tests, as appropriate
- Month-by-month estimates of laboratory and testing capacity, including related to workforce, equipment and supplies, and available tests
- Description of how the resources will be used for testing, including easing any COVID-19 community mitigation policies

Graves recently announced \$2.3 million in funding to address coronavirus testing in underserved areas of south Louisiana.

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as having my parents, family, and friends there to love and support me helped me tremendously," said Irene. "As I started at Southern in the College of Agricultural, Family and Consumer Sciences, I also learned that more than anything, I had a family away from home and a support system that would bring me a long way," added Irene.

During her college career, Irene was active in several student organizations.

She was elected the National Undergraduate President of the Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources and Related Sciences (MANRRS) organization for the 2019-2020 year and Region IV National Undergraduate Vice President of MANRRS for the 2018-2019 year where she represented the organization's college chapters in Louisiana, Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri, and Texas. Irene was also active in the local Southern University Chapter of MANRRS where she served as both the Secretary during the 2017-2018 academic year and Historian during the 2018-2019 year.

Irene credits her time at Southern University for helping her grow as an adult.

Irene is a 22-year-old native of Baton Rouge by way of Central, La. She is the daughter of Eric and Maura Lewis and a 2016 graduate of Runnels High School.

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adjusting the plan as the situation warrants.

In stage one, the following facilities and amenities will reopen with safety restrictions and modifications in place:

- Baton Rouge Zoo (Members-only opening 18-20 and Public opening May 21)
- Bluebonnet Swamp Nature Center trails (May 18)
- Dog parks (May 18)
- Magnolia Mound grounds (May 18)
- Public restrooms in community parks (May 18)
- Recreation centers in community parks (May 18)
- Tennis centers (May 18)
- Neighborhood practice fields for individual or same household activities with groups under ten people (Continuous)
- Trails and green spaces will remain open as they have throughout the pandemic; golf courses will also remain open (Continuous)

In order to adhere to National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) and CDC recommendations and guidelines, BREC will not reopen playgrounds, outdoor fitness equipment, pavilions, fitness centers, senior centers, splash pads, swimming pools, Liberty Lagoon Water Park, large outdoor venues such as Burbank Soccer Complex, Central Sports Complex, Oak Villa Sports Complex, Memorial Stadium, Goldsby Field and Olympia Stadium, Farr Park Equestrian Center and Independence Park Theatre during the first stage of the reopening plan.

In compliance with state health officials, CDC and American Camp Association (ACA) recommendations, BREC will continue offering extraordinary summer experiences in a modified manner. Virtual experiences will continue to be offered and a limited number of modified in-person camps are tentatively scheduled to start June 8. More details on registration and additional safety measures in place will be posted at brec.org/summercamp as information becomes available.

Louisiana Youth Host Statewide Virtual Concert on World No Tobacco Day

Concert Features Dee-1 and Terry & the Zydeco Bad Boys

NEW ORLEANS, La – May 22, 2020 – On World No Tobacco Day, Louisiana high school students will speak out in support of tobacco-free lifestyles and Clean Air Month by leading a virtual concert. The concert will feature Dee-1 and Terry & The Zydeco Bad Boys and is available via the Zoom platform.

Dee-1 is rapper hailing from New Orleans, with viral hits like “Sallie Mae Back” and “I know God.” He has collaborated with and performed alongside platinum artists such as Lupe Fiasco, Macklemore, Drake, Akon, Lil Wayne, The Roots, Trey Songz, and Sevyn Streeter. He continues to make culturally relevant hits and stay true to his #MissionVision.

Founded in 2001 and hailing from Duson, Louisiana, Terry & the Zydeco Bad Boys play a traditional style of zydeco with a touch of Funk.

The students are members of Next Era, a statewide youth movement promoting healthy, tobacco-free lifestyles. The Louisiana Campaign for Tobacco-Free



Dee-1



Terry & the Zydeco Bad Boys

Living (TFL) oversees Next Era's efforts in Louisiana.

In addition to educating students and adults on the health risks of smoking and vaping, Next Era members frequently advocate for the Healthier Air for All (HAFA) program. HAFA focuses on eliminating smoking in all spaces and places on behalf of the 78 percent of Louisiana residents who are

not smokers but are affected by secondhand smoke. Secondhand smoke can cause short-term illnesses, including bronchitis and asthma attacks, and prolonged exposure can lead to strokes, heart attacks, or lung cancer.

Currently, there is no comprehensive, statewide policy against smoking in public spaces. The Louisiana Smoke-Free Air Act,

which was passed in 2006, eliminated smoking in public places and restaurants, but exempts bars and gaming facilities.

Representatives from TFL and members of Next Era are available for interviews online.

■ **WHEN:** Friday, May 29 3 – 4 p.m.

■ **WHERE:** <https://zoom.us/j/8817164505>

VISUALS: Next Era high school youth will demonstrate their passion for World No Tobacco Day by educating people about the dangers of tobacco use on Zoom. Students will share personal anecdotes about the effects of tobacco use in their lives and encourage concertgoers to fill out messages of support for Healthier Air For All.

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that work,” higher education commissioner Kim Hunter Reed said.

Republican caucus head Rep. Blake Miguez, New Iberia, amended the bill to withhold money from LDH if it penalizes Louisianians who refuse to answer contact tracers' questions

about their activities during the pandemic.

“(My constituents) sure don't want the government calling and asking them questions about where they've been and what they do,” Rep. R. Dewith Carrier, R-Oakdale, said.

The department has repeatedly said participation in contact tracing is voluntary and that it has

no plans to prosecute people who ignore the state's questions.

The largest divide between the Edwards administration and some lawmakers appears to be LDH's plan to adjust how hospitals are reimbursed for covering Medicaid patients. Some money would be diverted away from some hospitals to others that provide services to more people.

The concept appears popular, even with legislators who would not normally align with Edwards, but some fear the administration is rushing the process.

“What I get from LDH on this issue is, ‘Just trust us, the modeling is good. Blah, blah, yeah yeah yeah. Let me just try and mumble through this and we'll move on to the next step,’” he said. “It's

frustrating to me because this is really what's going to matter at the end of the day.”

The budget now moves to the House floor for a full debate on May 26. Lawmakers have until June 1 to pass the budget, otherwise, they'll have to return in a special session before the fiscal year ends on July 1.

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And Then It Was Silent No More

DR. JAMES L. SNYDER

During this time of exclusive lockdown, I and the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage have grown accustomed to silence.

Silence is wonderful and soothing, enabling me to sit back and enjoy a good read. There is nothing like reading a book, and from my point of view, I have not read a book unless I have read it ten times.

Just as I was getting adjusted to "The Sounds of Silence," our routine changed drastically. I really did not see this coming.

Last Tuesday as my wife went to the front door, she turned, looked at me and said, "Honey," (I think she calls me "Honey" because she can't remember my name), "I'm going to go shopping this morning and use some of those wonderful gift cards I got."

It was a long morning, and finally, I heard my wife backing into the driveway and parked her van. She came to the door and asked if I could help her put some things into the garage.

As we took the package out of her van, I asked, "What did you get?"

"I got a power saw for my workshop. Lowe's was having a sale, and I couldn't refuse."

"What do you need a power saw for?"

"I just have a few projects in my workshop, and this will come in handy."



Dr. James L. Snyder

I was happy that she was happy, and that always makes for a good time.

I just settled in and was reading the next chapter in my book and enjoying the silence around me when suddenly I heard what sounded like an explosion.

Burrrrrrrrrrr. It seemed to get louder and louder. The very room where I was setting shook with the racket.

I jumped out of my chair and ran to the garage as fast as I could. The closer I got to the garage, the louder the sound was.

When I got into the garage where my wife was, the saw was running as loud as I have ever heard anything, and she was cutting boards. When I saw her, I noticed the biggest smile I've seen on her face in a long time.

"Is there anything wrong," I shouted over the noise.

She heard me, turned off the power saw, looked at me with that smile still on her face and said, "Nothing. I'm only testing my power saw to make sure it works."

Then she turned back to the power saw, turned it on, and the noise resumed. I could see she was happy and enjoying herself, as I have not seen her lately. I guess all the silence in our home has come to an end, this will be our "new normal."

I walked back to my chair, sat down, and listened to the sound coming from the garage.

For a few moments, I just sat there, thinking and listening, and I came to a marvelous conclusion. If this is what makes my wife happy, then I too, am happy. For the rest of the day, I enjoyed "The Absence of Silence" filling our home.

I remembered what I once read in the book of Proverbs. "Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding" (Proverbs 3:13).

Wisdom and understanding can have a practical application. When I have the wisdom to know what makes my wife happy, I will understand what true happiness is.

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Troy Sneed's Widow, Emily, Responds to Public Outpouring of Sympathy



Troy and Emily Sneed, widow thanks public for outpouring of sympathy | Bill Carpenter

Grammy-nominated gospel singer Troy Sneed died last month due to complications from the new coronavirus and now his widow, Emily, is responding to the public's expressions of sympathy and love.

Known for uplifting songs such as "The Struggle Is Over," Sneed died on April 27 at the age of 52.

"As we continue to maneuver our new normal with shattered hearts, we are constantly comforted by the continuous displays of love shown to us in Troy's passing," Emily said in a statement shared with The Christian Post.

"With sincere gratitude, we want to thank each and every one of you for every

prayer, call, text, post, email, card, meal, and or gift, she added.

Despite her heartache, the grieving wife is still giving glory to God.

"Although, our loss is immeasurable, we give God all the glory for the time we were allotted with Troy and will hold tight to the many memories to move forward," Emily added. "As it is a confusing time, we have currently postponed memorial services until the climate allows for a celebration of life more befitting of the man Troy was and the life he led."

Following his death, sales and consumption of

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Krispy Kreme on Plank Road Primed for May 26 Grand Opening

All-new shop includes enhanced guest experiences



BATON ROUGE, La.—Baton Rouge residents will celebrate the return of its beloved destination for hot, fresh doughnuts and premium coffee on Tuesday, May 26, when Krispy Kreme opens a new shop at its 5504 Plank Road location.

The shop features a new design that offers a "stylistic wink" to Krispy Kreme's heritage, while capturing the brand's fun, warm and authentic personality. Guests will also experience digital and interactive enhancements, including digital menu boards and a new oversized Hot Light.

Throughout the first week of

the grand opening, Krispy Kreme will randomly surprise drive-thru guests with a range of offers, including delicious free treats.

"We are so grateful for the patience, understanding and excitement that our fans and guests throughout Baton Rouge have

shown while we designed and built this incredible new shop to serve them," said Tim Mossor, Krispy Kreme District Manager. "We're confident that when they visit, they'll be thrilled with the experience, including melt-in-your-mouth doughnuts."

The Baton Rouge shop drive-thru will be open 24 hours, seven days a week.

Krispy Kreme continues to put the well-being of its customers and team members first by complying with government and health-related guidelines to enable doughnuts to be enjoyed safely. While the shop's lobby is temporarily closed, guests can purchase doughnuts via the drive-thru or order doughnuts online or through the Krispy Kreme app for door-side pick-up or delivery within 10 miles of the shop's location. Please visit KrispyKreme.com for details regarding other updates to Krispy Kreme's safety measures.

Share how you're celebrating the reopening of the Krispy Kreme Baton Rouge shop by using #KrispyKreme on social media and tagging @krispykreme.

Mayor Broome Announces Partnership With Dollar General to Increase Food Access

BATON ROUGE, La. — Mayor-President Sharon Weston Broome announced a partnership with Dollar General to expand affordable and nutritious foods through the addition of fresh fruits and vegetables at two Baton Rouge locations. Stores at 6315 Scenic Highway and 5455 Airline Highway in Baton Rouge recently added fresh produce in mid-April 2020.

"We are thrilled that Dollar General has partnered with my office to increase the product offerings of their stores on Scenic and Airline Highway to sell fresh produce," said Mayor Broome.

"This public-private partnership is part of my administration's goal to address nutritional food access issues in our community. We look forward to continuing to work with Dollar General."

This partnership is in conjunction with the Food Insecurity and its Sequelae on Health (F.I.S.H.) Program implemented by Mayor Broome and Our Lady of the Lake North, which is open to community members and clinic patients. The program features a five-part cooking series where participants and their families will learn how to cook heart healthy meals that are

nutritious and affordable.

Mayor-President Broome, her entire staff and the Geaux Get Healthy Initiative. It also demonstrates the possibilities when cities and companies work together to find solutions for their communities," said Jason Reiser, Dollar General's executive vice president and chief merchandising officer. "This year, Dollar General plans to add our produce assortment to approximately 400 stores across the country, and we're excited to have two of these locations in Baton Rouge. We appreciate the collaborative spirit from Mayor-President Broome and Baton

Rouge, and we look forward to continuing our longstanding, positive relationship with the city."

The cooking series, "Simple Cooking with Heart," will be put on by the American Heart Association; food for the program will be supplied by Dollar General.

The F.I.S.H. Program will offer the participants the opportunity to attend a monthly class with a licensed nutritionist and a fresh food tour with a licensed nutritionist in Dollar General locations.

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Sneed's music is at an all-time high. His latest album, All My Best, has been on radio circulation featuring hits such as "My Heart Says Yes," "Kept by His Grace" and "Hallelujah."

"Troy was like a brother to me," Mike Chandler, CEO of Rejoice! Musical Soul Food radio network, told Action News Jax. "He was a businessman. He was a husband; he was a father. He was an industry leader, so it's not just my loss, it's a loss to the whole industry. He was one of the most talented men in our industry, but more importantly, Troy was a good person and he did a lot of good work. The world is going to miss him."

Sneed lived in Perry, Florida, with his family. Billboard reported, and is responsible for arranging music for the 1996 Denzel Washington and Whitney Houston film, "The Preacher's Wife."

He later created an offshoot of the Georgia Mass Choir called the Youth for Christ Choir which comprised of 300 members between the ages of 12 and 18. In

2005, shortly after Sneed and his wife, Emily, created their own label, Emtra Gospel, Youth for Christ was one of their earliest signings. The Struggle Is Over was the choir's

first album for Emtra in 2006. The title track, which featured gospel vocalist Jonathan Nelson, reached No. 1 on the Billboard Top Gospel Singles chart and was nominated

for a Soul Train Music Award. The album won a Stellar Award in 2007 for Children's Performance of the Year.

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