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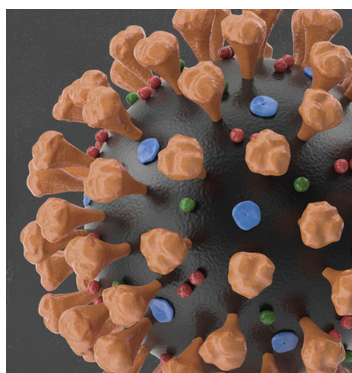
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## Louisiana latest state to report case of omicron variant



The Louisiana Department of Health reported the state's first omicron COVID-19 variant case on Sunday. The Associated Press reported.



**Dr. Joseph Kanter, La. Department of Health**

The health agency said the unidentified person who tested positive lives in New Orleans and has traveled within the U.S.

In a statement, Health Officer Joe Kanter said the state has been preparing for omicron's arrival, according to the AP.

"We now know omicron is here in Louisiana. This is cause for concern, but not panic," Kanter said. "We have been expecting and preparing for this moment. To all Louisianans, the single best action you can take to protect yourselves and your families is to get yourself and loved ones vaccinated and boosted if eligible."

Minnesota, Maryland, Hawaii, New York, California and Colorado have also reported cases of the omicron variant in the past week.

After South Africa first detected omicron cases within its borders, a number of countries, including the U.S., placed travel bans on countries in southern Africa.

# Eric Dooley

## new head football coach at Southern University



Prairie View A&M head coach Eric Dooley, left, and JSU head coach Deion Sanders, right, meet in the middle after JSU Tigers' win over Prairie View 27-10 to take the SWAC Championship at Veteran's Memorial Stadium in Jackson, Miss., Saturday, Dec. 4, 2021.

*Eric Dooley replaces Jason Rollins, who was named interim coach for the 2021 fall season*

On Monday, Southern in a social media post announced that Eric Dooley has been hired as the football program's next head coach.

He replaces Jason Rollins, who was named interim coach for the 2021 fall season after Dawson

Odums took the Norfolk State job following the shortened spring campaign.

Rollins, in his lone season at the helm, led Southern to a 4-7 record, including a loss to Grambling State in the Bayou Classic.

Dooley, who spent four years

at Prairie View, was an assistant at Southern under legendary coach Pete Richardson from 1997-2009. The New Orleans native and long-time assistant made stops as a coordinator at Arkansas-Pine Bluff and Grambling before he landed

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## Southern University System Board elects Edwin Shorty as next chairman

BATON ROUGE, La. — The Southern University System Board of Supervisors on Friday, Nov. 26 unanimously elected current vice chairman Edwin Shorty as the next chairman of the Board. He succeeds current Chairman Domoine Rutledge, who is finishing his last term. The Board also unanimously elected Dr. Rani Whitfield, current Board member, as its next vice chairman. The elections were held during the Board's November meeting in New Orleans.



**Edwin Shorty**

Edwin Shorty is the managing partner in the Law Firm of Shorty, Dooley, and Hall. He is a 1998 graduate of Southern University at New Orleans with a Bachelor of Science in business administration, with a minor in economics. He obtained his juris doctorate from the Southern University Law Center in 2002. He is admitted to practice in all Louisiana State Courts and in the United States Federal Court for the Eastern and Middle Districts of Louisiana.

Dr. Rani Whitfield is a Board-certified family physician with a Certificate of Added Qualification (CAQ) in sports medicine. He received his undergraduate degree from Southern University

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## Stay Well Baton Rouge, local organizations partnered for community health fair to encourage COVID-19 vaccinations



Doctor Panel (L-R) Desirée Honoré Thomas, moderator Dr. Ronald Andrews, Internal Medicine, Pediatrics Vanessa Caston LaFleur, South Central Regional Secretary for Jack and Jill of America Dr. Byron Jasper, Primary Care Doctor and Cobb Physician

"The Stay Well Community Health Fair and Vaccination event was a holistic approach to building a safe, hopeful and healthy community. All of the organizations and community stakeholders made a significant impact on our community. It was a true demonstration of what takes place when citizens unite around a shared goal," said Mayor President Sharon Weston Broome.



BATON ROUGE, La - Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated Greater Baton Rouge Chapters in conjunction with W. Montague Cobb/NMA Health Institute hosted the Stay Well Baton Rouge Community Health Fair and Vaccine Event on Saturday, December 4, 2021, at Mt. Pilgrim Baptist

Church located at 9700 Scenic Highway, Baton Rouge, LA 70807. The Stay Well Baton Rouge Community Health Fair featured local trusted Black health care professionals in a panel discussion on the continued impact of COVID-19

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## Baton Rouge Area Chamber predicts local economy is on its way to full recovery

BATON ROUGE - 'Now Hiring' signs are plastered across the capital city, and help isn't just wanted—it's needed.

"We still have a need for waiters, kitchen help, and pretty much everything that we hire we could use more help," Brad Zito, owner of Drusilla Seafood Restaurant, said.

Like many others, Zito says he finds himself in a tough and tiring situation. He can't find enough staff to serve his customers.

"We have to be careful that we don't take too much business inside the restaurant or inside the catering facility just because we don't have the staff to cover it," he said.

But, that could soon change. According to the Baton Rouge Area Chamber, the Capital Region is well on its way to full economic recovery.

"We lost about 30,000 jobs between 2019 and 2020 in the heart of the pandemic. Since then, we made it halfway back," Andrew Fitzgerald, BRAC's Senior Vice President of Business Intelligence, said.

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### WEATHER

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# LOCAL & STATE

## Baker Invites You to Holiday in the Park

BAKER, La. — On December 18, 2021 the Baker Chamber of Commerce with the Mayor's Office, Councilwoman Rochelle Dunn, Councilman Robert Young, and the Baker Fire and Police Departments will be hosting Holiday Pop-Up in the Park at City Park. City Park is located at 3325 Groom Road in Baker, Louisiana. The event will take place from 12:00 Noon until 7:00 PM. and will feature lighting the Christmas tree, a toy give-away, movies in the park, and a gumbo cook-off. The Pop-Up will showcase local businesses, many with items available for purchase, as well as food trucks for the community to enjoy a day of fun activities and holiday spirit.

In preparation for the event, any citizens who are interested in donating toys for children can do so by bringing new, unopened toys to the Baker Chamber of Commerce office located at 3439 Groom Rd, Baker, LA 70714 between 9:00AM and 5:00PM Monday through Thursday. If you choose to wrap the item, which is not required, please indicate on the tag if the gift is for a boy or a girl and the appropriate age range. If you have questions or need directions, please contact Belinda Williams at 225.400.4277 with the Chamber of Commerce for more information.

With the 18th just around the corner, if you are a business owner and are interested in participating there is still time to register! All businesses are invited to set up a booth for the public to learn more about your business and shop with you at this event. Information related to business registration as well as how to register for the gumbo cook-off may be found at the Baker Chamber of Commerce website: [www.bakercoc.com](http://www.bakercoc.com). In the days leading-up to the event, the Fire and Police Departments conducted a Toy Drive on December 7th and 8th. During the toy drive, which was held in the

Baker Walmart Parking lot, parents were able to donate an unopened box toy in exchange for access which allowed the young and the young at heart to get an up-close look inside of a fire truck, police car and army vehicle. A great time was had by all as the community showed their Christmas spirit. On December 13th the United Cajun Navy, with support from Senator Regina Barrow, donated several pallets of new toys for the Toy Give-Away to help ensure a happy Christmas for all of the children.

Last, but definitely not least, look for Santa in your neighborhood this week! He will be riding a firetruck! Here is the schedule so you can make plans for the family! Santa will start riding beginning at 5:30 PM and will run through 9:30 PM as follows:

December 13: All streets West of Highway 19 and South of Lavey Lane. Examples: S. Magnolia, Boxwood, N. Magnolia, Twin Oaks, Texas, South, Garfield, Landry, and Leland College. Examples: Middlewood, Morvant, Longvue, Hico, Ector, Alba, Thomas, and Sunshine.

December 14: All streets between Groom Road and Lavey Lane from Seville Drive to Plank Road. Cover all streets off of Plank Road. Examples: Breckenridge, Charles, Chemin, Fausse, Georgia, Sinbad, Blairstown, Felicity, and Byfaul.

December 15: All streets between Groom Road and Lavey Lane from Highway 19 to Sunshine Drive. Examples: Meadows of Chaleur (6:45), Truman, Epperson, Arkansas, E. Buffwood, Harrison, Johnston, Grant, Patricia, Rabel, and Charry.

December 16: All streets North of Groom Road between Highway 19 and Plank Road. Examples: Woodward, Hazeloak, Jefferson, Debra, Yvonne, Tristian, Windside, Wimbish, and Singletary.

December 17: If there were any streets missed or if it rains, this is Santa's makeup day!

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and its emerging variants. A myriad of free resources were available including COVID-19 vaccines and booster shots, shingles vaccines, flu shots, health screenings, and well-living information. COVID-19 vaccines for children ages 5-11 were also available on site. There were also health exhibits, raffles, and giveaways.

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"Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.® has a 113-year history of Service to all Mankind," said

Katina Semien, Lead Coordinator. "This long-standing history motivates our chapters to partner with community health agents to provide education, screenings and vaccine administration to ensure a safe and healthy community for our family and friends."

The event partners include W. Montague Cobb/NMA Health Institute, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Baton Rouge Metro Chapters, Baton Rouge Department of Health, LA Governor's Office, Mayor Sharon Weston Broome, State Rep Ted James, City Council Woman Erika Green,

Southern University, LSU, Relief Telemed, NAACP, National Library of Medicine (NIH), Louisiana Children's Trust Fund (LCTF), Greater Baton Rouge Council, EBR Council on Aging, The Links, Inc. La Capitale, The Links, Inc. Baton Rouge, Divine 9 Sororities & Fraternities, and Alpha Media.

## Lawmakers reject coronavirus vaccine mandate for Louisiana students

BATON ROUGE, La. — A bipartisan group of Louisiana lawmakers Monday voted against Gov. John Bel Edwards' coronavirus vaccine requirement for some students, but the Democratic governor intends to overrule the rejection and add the shot to the immunization schedule starting next school year.

The fate of the plan seems likely to be decided by the courts, with Republican Attorney General Jeff Landry and the Edwards administration at odds over whether the vaccine requirement can be legally enacted by the governor without support from the full Legislature.

The House Health and Welfare Committee objected to the requirement in a 13-2 decision. All GOP lawmakers voted in opposition along with an independent and three Democrats. Only Democratic Reps. Dustin Miller of Opleousas and Robby Carter of St. Helena Parish supported adding the COVID-19 vaccine to the state's immunization schedule for schools.

The Edwards administration said the vote can't legally stop the governor from enacting the regulation.

Edwards "supports adding the safe and effective COVID-19 vaccine to the immunization schedule and, barring a recommendation from public health experts, his opinion would not change," the governor's spokesperson Christina Stephens said in a statement.

Even if the shots are mandated for Louisiana schools, the state allows broad exemptions for parents and students to opt out by submitting a written objection from a doctor or a general written dissent.

Across a daylong hearing, opponents of the regulation described the vaccine requirement as government overreach.

Some downplayed the threat of COVID-19 to children and repeated misinformation suggesting



widespread risks from the vaccine. Others said while they believe in vaccines, they thought it was too soon to require the coronavirus immunization until there was more long-term study. Some said natural immunity from contracting COVID-19 was enough to keep from needing a vaccine, even though infectious disease experts disagree.

"I'm not anti-vaccine. I'm anti-vaccine mandate," said Rep. Richard Nelson, a Mandeville Republican. "Is this really about controlling the virus anymore, or is this about controlling the citizens?"

Lawmakers worried children could be excluded from in-person classes if they file the exemption paperwork, even though the Louisiana Department of Health said it doesn't intend to push the exclusion of un-

vaccinated children from school. The lawmakers — several of whom said they are vaccinated — said parents should get to make decisions about the shots their children receive.

"Parents should not be forced to jump through hoops," said House Speaker Clay Schexnayder, a Gonzales Republican. He said he doesn't believe the Edwards administration has the authority to add the coronavirus vaccine to the schedule of immunizations required to attend school.

Miller said parents will get the choice they want.

"I think we're simply allowing parents to sign paperwork" if they don't want to comply, he said.

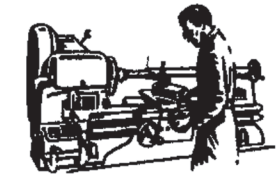
Edwards' chief public health adviser, Dr. Joe Kanter, pushed back against suggestions that COVID-19 isn't a significant threat to children, that the vaccines are experimental and that they shouldn't be added to the immunization schedule because they don't keep someone from getting infected.

"Vaccines are the single best tool we have to fight back," he said. "We need to encourage and promote their use while continuing to respect the tradition of parental autonomy which has served us well in Louisiana to date."

Students in Louisiana are required to be immunized against

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# BRCC Releases Study Detailing Regional Economic Impact of \$300 Million

**Students Earn \$5.30 for Every \$1 Invested in BRCC**

BATON ROUGE, LA - An economic impact study released today by Baton Rouge Community College reveals the college has a \$300 million impact, or supports 4,520 jobs, annually in the greater Baton Rouge area. The study also found high returns on investment in BRCC, highlighting its value beyond a traditional educational institution as a regional workforce-development and economic powerhouse.

For every dollar they invest in BRCC, students gain \$5.30 in future earnings, according to the study based on 2018-2019 fiscal year data. Taxpayers, meanwhile, gain \$5.60 over the course of students' working lives for every public dollar invested in BRCC.

"These findings solidify what we already know to be true: Baton Rouge Community College is an essential asset to our community in terms of educational success, workforce development and economic growth," Chancellor Willie Smith said. "BRCC offers affordable, high-quality programs that yield dividends for our students, who go on to fill well-paying jobs for essential businesses in our area, representing a win-win for our economy and our graduates. We are incredibly proud to share the results of this study and continue to build on our economic impact

going forward."

The study also found that BRCC associate degree graduates earn an average of \$11,400 more in annual income than people with a high school degree or equivalent.

BRCC's \$300 million annual economic impact is a result of \$42.5 million in operational spending, \$18 million in student spending and \$237 million in added alumni income during the 2018-2019 fiscal year, according to the study conducted by Emsi, a labor market analytics firm.

"Baton Rouge Community College continues to positively impact the greater Baton Rouge area in multiple ways," said East Baton Rouge Parish Mayor-President Sharon Weston Broome. "In addition to providing students with the opportunity to upskill and reskill, BRCC is a vital contributor to our community's trajectory of strategic growth, leading to a more prosperous economy and brighter future."

"Our business community, as well as our entire region, is fortunate to have an asset like Baton Rouge Community College in our backyard—providing key skills and workforce training, leading to promising careers for the next generation of community leaders," said Baton Rouge Area Chamber President and CEO Adam Knapp. "The results of this study underscore the major impact BRCC has on our community and emphasize why supporting this institution must be a top priority, especially given the labor shortage and workforce needs we're seeing today."

# Capital Area United Way honors Ascension Parish women

BATON ROUGE, LA — Capital Area United Way Women United honored several members of the Ascension Parish community during its annual Celebrate the Power of Women celebration on Dec. 2 at L'Auberge Hotel and Casino in Baton Rouge.

The event, sponsored by BASF, featured LSU Ambassador and former LSU Gymnastics Head Coach D-D Breau as the keynote speaker. The longtime coaching legend is a native of Donaldsonville.

The following awards were presented and honored individuals from 2020 and 2021:

Excellence in Social and Community Investment honors an individual in business (profit or non-profit) who strives to positively impact the community, exemplifies a spirit of passion and groundbreaking achievement that leads the way for others through their integrity, compassion, credibility, humility, and empowerment of others.

2020: Camilla Ford, Owner, Design for Living and Gabriella Rothschild; Padma Vatsavai, Founder and CEO of Vinformatix

2021: Allison B. Hudson, former Public Information Officer/Crime Victims Investigator, Ascension Parish Sheriff's Office. She is currently with the City of Houston's Office of Emergency Management as an Emergency Manager and Public Information Officer. Hudson formerly served as editor of The Donaldsonville Chief Legacy of Service honors a leader who has had a positive influence on the community and will "leave a legacy" on our 10-parish service area. This individual exemplifies service above self through civic and/or community engagement.

2020: Tamiko F. Garrison, Ascension Parish Justice of the Peace

2021: Gloria Moncada, Vice President of Americas Fuels, ExxonMobil

UNITED 40 honors the power of an individual 40 years of age and under that is striving to make a positive and lasting impact in our com-



Ascension Parish honorees Tamiko Francis Garrison, Allison B. Hudson, Tristi Carpenter, and Alsie Dunbar. Photo Credit: CAUW Photo Credit: CAUW

munity. This young ambassador is an up & coming difference maker who is just beginning a lifelong commitment to service.

2020: Alsie Dunbar, Senior Environmental Engineer, Bayer; Lindsey Rey, Production Engineers – Specialty Amines, BASF

2021: Jessica Trepagnier, Director of Community Development and Marketing, Aetna

Woman of Inspiration honors an individual who not only tirelessly fills a vital role of service in our community but demonstrates passion in giving back and advocates for others to join the crusade.

2020: Tristi Charpentier, Vice President of Strategic Initiatives, Huey and Angelina Wilson Foundation

2021: Carol M. Patin, M.D., General Obstetrics & Gynecology Doctor and Chief Medical Officer, Southeast Community Health Systems.

Woman of Inspiration Team Award honors a team of women who not only tirelessly fill a vital role of service in our community but demonstrate passion in giving back and advocates for others to join

the crusade. 2020: Danielle Panepinto, Staff Assistant to Management, ExxonMobil; Heather Millis, Senior Assistant Administrator, ExxonMobil; Lauren Johnson, Chemist, ExxonMobil

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and A&M College and completed medical school training at Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tenn. He is an impassioned advocate for increasing the awareness of health-related

issues, such as HIV/AIDS, obesity, cardiovascular disease and substance abuse.

Shorty and Whitfield will assume their new roles with the Board in January 2022.

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his first head coaching job with the Panthers in 2018.

His last appearance as coach at Prairie View was in a 27-10 loss

to Jackson State on Saturday in the SWAC title game. Overall, he and compiled a 20-16 record with a 16-9 showing in SWAC play.

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certain diseases before attending K-12 schools, daycare centers and colleges, and lawmakers have del-

egated some of the responsibility about what's on the list to the health department.

If it takes effect, the initial rollout of the COVID-19 vaccination requirement would only apply to age groups for whom the U.S. Food

and Drug Administration has given full approval of the immunization. Currently, that's high school students 16 and older. But that would broaden to cover younger children if the FDA grants full backing to the shots for more age groups.



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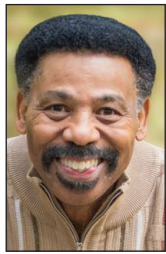
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# RELIGION

## The Reality of Eternity

By TONY EVANS

In His Presence: Abraham said, "Child, remember that during your life you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus bad things; but now he is being comforted here, and you are in agony" (Luke 16:25).



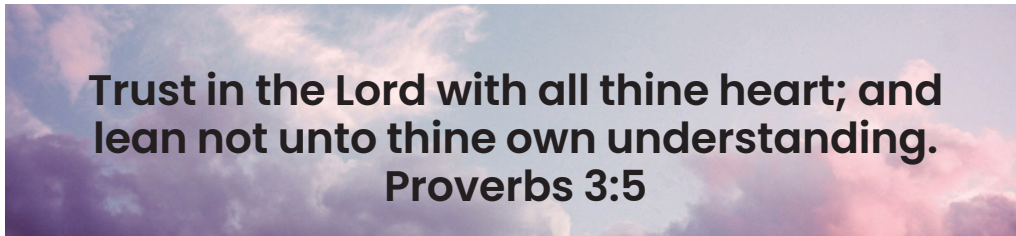
Tony Evans

At the end of time, we will all face the Lord and He will want to know how we used our time on earth to get ready for eternity. If we only live for earth, all we will receive is earth. But once we start living for heaven, earth is just a bonus to the eternal existence we will enjoy.

It is foolish to try to run from death. Instead, we must decide to be creatures of eternity. Paul said to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord (2 Corinthians 5:8). If you are in Christ you have no reason to fear death because when you die, you will instantly be with God.

Since we were made for eternity, what are we doing in light of what we were made for? Paul set the example when he said: "Set your mind on things above, not

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## Trusting God In Every Situation

by Creflo Dollar

Have you ever been in a situation that suddenly imploded on itself and fell apart without warning? Life is unpredictable sometimes, and things can be great one minute and scary the next. If we rely solely on ourselves to accomplish our goals without any guidance from a higher power, we won't get very far without running into real trouble. Thankfully for us, this "higher power" isn't just some fuzzy concept, but a God who knows exactly what we go through every day of our lives.

When everything goes terribly wrong with no advance warning, we don't have to struggle with it on our own. We have someone in our corner who is God in human form; He's always interceding on our behalf. "Now that we know what we have—Jesus, this great High Priest with ready access to God—let's not let it slip through our fingers. We don't have a priest who is out of touch with our reality. He's been through weakness and testing, experienced it all—all but the sin. So let's walk right up to him and get what he is so ready to give. Take the mercy, accept the help" (Hebrews 4:14-16, MSG). Jesus' promise to help us

and deliver us from trouble is something we can confidently believe. Trusting Him when our back is against the wall allows Him to turn failure into success.

The situation may look hopeless, but looks can be deceiving. When Peter saw Jesus walking on water and trusted Him enough to get out of the boat and do the same, he gained the ability to do what looked impossible. That ability came from God, but when Peter became afraid, stopped trusting Jesus, and fell, Jesus still rescued him.

And when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, it is a spirit; and they cried out for fear. But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid. And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water. And he said, come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus. But when he saw the



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wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me. And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt? (Matthew 14:26-31).

When the storms of life threaten to drown us—and they will threaten—it takes courage to seek out God's direction on what to do. Having faith means trusting, even if what we hear from Him doesn't make sense at first. When God tested Abraham's faith by telling him to sacrifice his son, Abraham trusted God (Genesis 22:1-13). God took Abraham out of a nightmarish situation and turned the bad into good; He continues to do this even now.

Disaster can show up unannounced in our lives at any time and in any form, but there's no reason to walk in fear. Jesus has given us His authority over adversity; having faith in this prevents adversity from overcoming us. "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths" (Proverbs 3:5, 6). When we ask Him for help, we'll be amazed at what He can do.

## Health



## Death really begins in the colon

Spotlight on Supplements: Aloe Ferox and Aloe Ferox Bitters

I can't remember a time when my father did not have digestive issues. It was the norm to hear him moaning after a meal of bread, meat, and dessert. My Mother like all moms back then, believed that a meal was not a meal if it did not have meat, potatoes or another starch, bread, dessert, and a nice glass of cool sweet tea. They always gave my dad an upset stomach.

His last meal before he had a massive heart attack was the standard: fried fish, potato salad and dessert.

Years after daddy's death, I began having my own intractable digestive issues. I was later diagnosed with Celiac Disease and a myriad of other digestive issues. By chance, I discovered one of the largest manufacturers and importer of Aloe Ferox. We are business partners today.

He heard my circumstances: constipation, nausea, acid reflux, chronic migraines, lupus, fibromyalgia, bone pain and quipped, "you need Aloe Ferox." I was like ok, what is that? I knew what Aloe was, but this Ferox and Aloe Ferox Bitters I had never heard of.

But it healed, just like he said I would. In just a few days, no more migraines, no lupus, no fibromyalgia, no tumors, no fibroids, I was walking without my cane or crutches, my vision was clearer, my hair even stopped falling and grew back, I was sleeping through the night.



Dr. Gayle Young

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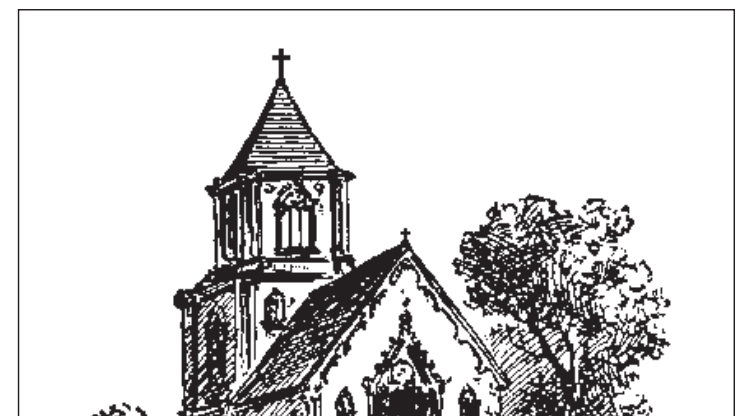
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## Entrepreneur and Visionary Gisele Haralson honors and recognizes women at annual luncheon



Dr. Evelyn "Eve" Wallace, Gisele Haralson and Dr. Audrey Sauls

By Sharon S Gordon  
Editor-At-Large

Baton Rouge, La. — Gisele Haralson is a writer, educator, activist, radio personality, CEO of Follow Dreams Productions, and Executive Director of Child Development Institute. As founder of the annual A Celebration of Women Luncheon her vision was to create an event that would bring together and celebrate women of all ethnicities and backgrounds who have made an impact while empowering others in our community. "It is such an honor and I am proud to celebrate the accomplishments of these amazing women both from and currently living Louisiana who are doing great things in their community and across this country. Honors and Special Recognitions were given to the women whose professions and community service varied from educators, authors, advocates and ministers to corporate and political leaders, small business owners and entrepreneurs.

A Celebration of Women was held December 4, 2021, at the Crowne

Plaza Executive Center. The event was hosted by past recipient Victoria Greene and a special tribute to past honorees was presented by past recipient, Agnes Andrews of Andrews All State Insurance Agency. Among the Honors and Special Recognition recipients were Nayo Andrews, Ann A. Smith, Kathe Hambrick, Barbara O' Bear, Carroll Morton, Shantrice Hilton, Tana Boudreaux Allen, Monica Nijoka, Constance Saizon, Valerie Selders, Dionne Character, Dr. Audrey Sauls, Dr. Tamiara Wade, Dr. Chandra Macias, Dr. Barbara West Carpenter, Beth Townsend, Verta Lee, Marcia Groff, Java Harrell Weathersby, Lora L. Dean, and Shantell D. Spears. Sponsors of the celebration include the Oxygen Bar, Parris Cardiovascular Center, AETouch Technologies, Twilight Center Clinic and Spa, Zoetic, Arterial Assessment: PAD and the Louisiana Institute of Physical Medicine and the Louisiana Medical Cannabis Institute.

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Honoree Naya Andrews of Andrews Allstate, Presenter, Dr. Pamela Ravere-Jones, Agnes Andrews (bottom right) and Mystique Price (top left) of Andrews Allstate, Honoree Carroll Morton, Director of the Film Commission of New Orleans and Sharon S. Gordon, CEO of Urban Trendsetters Television and Editor of BR Weekly Press



Honoree Kathe Hambrick and her daughter Lauren.

cate and foster entrepreneurship and leadership skills in children. For more information and updates on

A Celebration of Women's 2022 ceremony visit [www.acelebraionofwomenla.org](http://www.acelebraionofwomenla.org).

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on the things that are on earth" (Colossians 3:2). Paul's mind was on heaven, but he was still functioning for the Lord here on earth. He was heavenly minded but still did earthly good. Because he lived in light of His eternal purpose, he made his life deci-

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