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# Title III News

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## **Director's Corner**

Greetings & Welcome to Title III's Quarterly Newsletter for the 2019– 2020 grant period.

The purpose of the Title III program is to provide financial assistance to establish or strengthen the physical plants, financial management, academic resources, and endowments of historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs).

Here in the Title III Office, we are committed to keeping SSU's campus community abreast of all the wonderful and exciting things happening with our funded activities.

In this newsletter we will introduce our new Title III Employees, share highlights of the wonderful work accomplished by Title III funded projects at SSU, and helpful reminders regarding the Title III Budget and approval process. I hope you find this newsletter insightful and informative. Please stay tuned for more exciting things happening in Title III.



**Dr. Dedra N. Andrews**

*Title III Director & Interim AVP of Enrollment Management*

**Additional Questions About Title III ?**

**Visit Us:** [www.SavannahState.edu/title-iii](http://www.SavannahState.edu/title-iii)

# Title III New Employees

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**Tyranise Harris**

*Activity Director*

**22nd Century Technological  
Integrated & Student Support**

Welcome to the Team!!!

# PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

## *Forensic Science Program*



SSU 2018 Forensic Science graduate Russia Johnson recently graduated from Texas A&M University-Commerce in Spring 2020 with a Masters in Criminology; concentration in Criminal Justice & Management.



SSU 2019 Forensic Science graduate Tyra Deloatch is a new officer with The Savannah Police Department as of November 2019.



# PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

## *Forensic Science Program Continued*



Chantrell Frazier, SSU 2016 Forensic Science graduate is currently a Biochemistry PhD candidate at Florida International University. She recently received the Russel V. Ewald award for her commitment not only to academic excellence but also to community service. This award was presented to her at the 35<sup>th</sup> McKnight Annual Fellows Meeting and 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Graduate School Conference in November 2019. <https://casenews.fiu.edu/2019/11/21/biochemistry-phd-candidate-recognized-at-35th-mcknight-annual-fellows-meeting/>



**New National Science Foundation (NSF) Grant:** “iApply: Early Interdisciplinary Applied Strategies to Strengthen STEM Education and Research at SSU”

The project’s innovative curriculum reforms and interdisciplinary applied research are aligned with the project goals and measurable objectives of active and immersive learning, and we expect these transformations to be successful based upon initial preliminary data, and advanced VR 3D visualization facilities developed through the FSCI program funded by Title III. Successful implementation will add to the knowledge base on how to support and engage UR students in advanced applied STEM research to maintain interest in STEM careers and to increase the diversity of the STEM research workforce. This project will increase STEM student retention and improve our graduation rate. This project will serve as a model for other institutions serving a diverse UR population.

**HBCU-UP 2157-48**

07/01/2020-06/30/2025

National Science Foundation (NSF)

Budget: \$2,224,966 (Total Costs)

Implementation Project: Early Interdisciplinary Applied Strategies to Strengthen STEM Education and Research at SSU (iApply)

# PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

## *Forensic Science Program Continued*



### **iApply Team:**

Principal Investigator: Chellu Chetty, PhD

Lead Co-Principal Investigator: Karla-Sue C. Marriott, PhD

Co-Principal Investigator: Manoj Prasad, PhD

Co-Principal Investigator: Teresa Shakespeare, PhD



### **Publication: Project Funded by Title III**

1. Marriott, K-S. C., and Clark, E.B, "*Forensic Facial Reconstruction: Integration of Science and Art*", Engaged Student Learning: Essays on Best Practices in the University System of Georgia, eBook, Accepted June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Published 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2019.

For more information on the **FORENSIC SCIENCE PROGRAM**, contact Dr. Marriott at

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# PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

## *Honors Program*



### **About The Program**

Welcome to Honors at SSU! This exciting new program is designed to provide Savannah State University's exceptional and high-achieving students with innovative honors courses and enriching social and learning activities as they prepare to be global leaders. Honors at SSU will expand on collaborations among faculty, students, and our local, national, and global communities. We support and motivate students as they pursue their academic and professional goals such as study abroad, international internships, research and service learning projects



### **Meet The Staff**



**Alex Pierce**  
**Honors Program Assistant**  
**Office: (912) 358-4072**  
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**Welcome the newest additions to SSU's Honors Program!**

#### **Incoming freshmen**

**Michon Shaw** – Lawrenceville, GA (Marine Biology/Oceanography)

**Christie Josh Lynn** – Austell, GA (International Business)

**Jasen Magee** - Rex, GA (Information Technology)

**Jamie Price** – Evans, GA (Forensic Science and Technology)

#### **Transfer- Junior**

**Jawuan Wilson** – Union City, GA (Civil Engineering)



### **Upcoming Events**

Orientation will be held on Sunday (**August 16, 2020**) @ 3:00pm

First 2<sup>nd</sup> Mile Salon will be held on Friday (**August 28, 200**) from 4-6pm

# PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

## *Honors Program Continued*

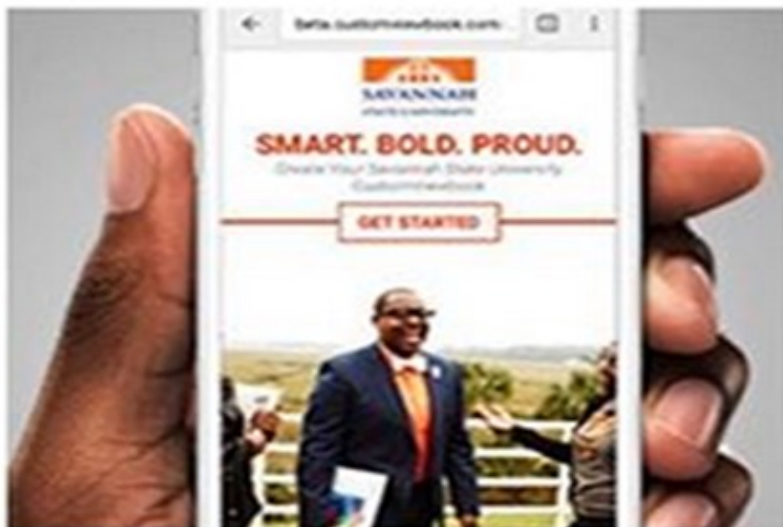


### Social Media

## SOCIAL MEDIA INSTAGRAM & FACEBOOK

The Honors Program now has social media pages (Instagram, Facebook)! They will keep you posted with all information regarding updates and events. Be sure to follow!

Instagram @ssuhonors, Facebook "SSU Honors Program"





# PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

## *Honors Program Continued*



### **Current Student Achievements**

J'Zaria Simpson – Atlanta, GA (Junior Biology major)

## University System of Georgia Board of Regents Academic Achievement Award Honoree



**J'zaria Simpson**, a junior biology major from Atlanta, Ga., was selected as Savannah State University's 2020 Academic Recognition Day Scholar for the University System of Georgia (USG) Board of Regents.

The Honor's Program student is a member of the American Medical Student Association and regularly tutors her peers in various academic subjects including organic chemistry and pre-calculus. As a Peach State Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation scholar, Simpson presented her research project titled "Involvement of the GM3 Synthesis Pathway in M-MuLV Glyco-gag Facilitated Virus Replication" at the STEM Innovators Conference at the University of Georgia and the Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students conference in Anaheim, Ca. A scholar in the Maximizing Access to Research Careers Undergraduate Student Training in Academic Research program, Simpson is active in various campus activities and serves as a Tiger Ambassador, assisting with admissions and recruitment efforts.

The annual Academic Recognition Day program honors a student from each University System of Georgia institution based on their academic success. Undergraduate students selected are residents of Georgia and represent outstanding scholastic achievements by acquiring a 4.0 GPA. Academic Recognition Day scholars receive resolutions from the Georgia State Senate and the Georgia House of Representatives.

Recognizing a current member of SSU's Honors Program, Miss "J'zaria Simpson". She was recently selected as a "Board of Regents Academic Agent Award Honoree" for her outstanding academic performance, acquiring a 4.0 GPA! Congratulations on this achievement and thank you for representing our University.


# PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

## *Honors Program Continued*




### Recent Graduates

Zarin Bhuiyan – Savannah, GA (Biology)



Zarin Lamisa Bhuiyan

- Major – Biology
- Special Recognition/Honor – Summa Cum Laude
- Hometown – Savannah, Georgia




Following graduation, Ms. Zarin got accepted to the University of Maryland, Baltimore on June 8, 2020. She will be obtaining her MS, leading to a PhD program in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology.

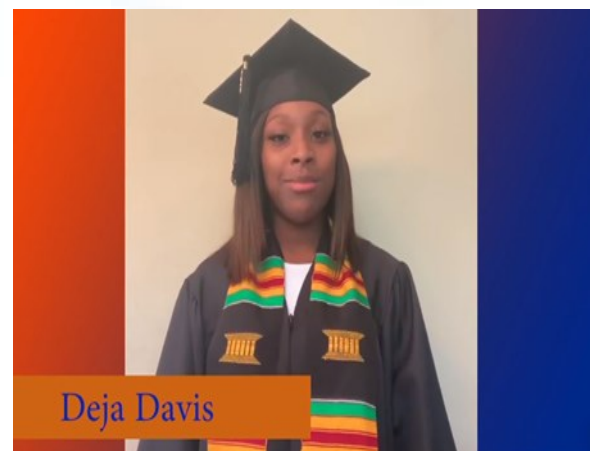
Deja Davis – Villa Rica, GA (Mass Communications)



Deja Lanae Davis

- Major – Mass Communications
- Special Recognition/Honor – Summa Cum Laude
- Hometown – Villa Rica, Georgia





Ms. Deja Davis was one of the opening speakers for the May 2020 virtual commencement ceremony.

# PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

## Honors Program

### Continued



#### Recent Graduates

Tracy Gaston – Riverdale, GA (Biology)



Tracy Bernard Gaston, Jr.

- Major – Biology
- Hometown – Riverdale, Georgia



Alida Marguerite So – Savannah, GA (Accounting)



Ms. Alida is a former member of the program who graduated with honors during the Fall of December 2019.

# TITLE III REMINDERS

## Activity Budget

- All Activity Directors should be keeping track of their funds spent throughout the year. At least **80%** of activity funds should be spent at the end of July
- All activity spending is being monitored by the Title III Office. If your activity is flagged as “**not spending**” funds may be swept from your activity and given to another activity to spend.

## Requests/Approvals

- Staff and/or Student Employment Contracts must be submitted for approval at least two weeks prior to their official start date. Please note, submission time should take into account the gathering of signatures from:
  - ⇒ Business and Financial Affairs office (all contracts)
  - ⇒ Financial Aid office (student contracts only)
  - ⇒ Human Resources office (all contracts)
    - ◆ A background check has to be completed for all new staff contracts before they can begin working.
- Business and Financial Affairs Office has re-opened the PeopleSoft system for you to enter requisitions.

**\*During this time of teleworking, some adjustments are being made for request being submitted due to COVID-19.**

⇒ **E-Procurement**/Manual Procurement - Please submit all payment requests for Registration, Membership, Supplies, etc. via the electronic/manual procurement form.

## Title III Office

- Phase I Data has been submitted to the Department of Education. This data determines Title III's funding level for the upcoming budget period (October 2020 - September 2021).
- Quarterly Reports and Equipment Inventory Reports (April 2020-June 2020) were due to the Title III office on July 10th, 2020.
- All Title III related reports should be submitted on time. Failure to comply **will** result in funds being held until all reports have been received.

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