Clubs/Organizations

Student Government Association

The Opelika/Valley and Wadley Chapters of the Southern Union State Community College Student Government Association exist to stimulate and develop school spirit, to encourage and maintain participation in school activities, to foster a spirit of cooperation among the faculty and student body, and to recommend suggestions and means to better serve the students. This elected body is the students' official voice in affairs of the college. Students are urged to understand its purpose, to use their voices wisely in its regard, and to seek to become a part of the association.

The association is specifically authorized and governed by a duly ratified constitution. The constitution describes fully the limit and scope of Student Government Association responsibilities and procedures. Students should become familiar with the constitution.

The SGA consists of three units that work together for stated purposes.

The Executive Branch is made up of a president, a vice-president, and a secretary-treasurer, each with at least one year of credit at Southern Union and a cumulative average of 2.50. These officers are elected during spring semester of the year prior to service, and their primary responsibility is to coordinate the business of the organization. The SGA president is awarded a full-tuition scholarship, and the Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer receive partial-tuition scholarships.

The Legislative Branch is composed of senators and representatives. Senators are sophomores who must have a 2.0 GPA and are elected from the five geographical areas of Clay-Cleburne, Randolph, Tallapoosa-Lee, Chambers, and Russell-Macon Counties, from the residence halls, and from Valley and Opelika Campuses. Representatives are elected by petition in the spring prior to the year of service. The responsibility of the legislative branch is the development of goals, projects, and programs for the SGA and the approval of proposals from other college organizations.

The Judicial Branch is appointed by the total group and exists to rule upon all matters as concerns their constitutionality.

For more information, visit the <u>Student Government Association</u> page on our website.

The Association of Radiologic Students

The primary goal of <u>The Association of Radiologic Students</u> is to promote the progression of Radiologic Technology, through the sharing of ideas and information. Through attendance at regularly announced meetings and other continuing education seminars, members have a means of defining their role as an integral member of the healthcare system.

Alpha Beta Gamma is a National Honor Society honoring qualified radiography students, faculty, diagnostic and therapeutic technologists, radiologists, and others who have made an outstanding contribution to the Radiologic Sciences profession.

Baptist Campus Ministries

The <u>Baptist Campus Ministries</u>, or BCM, is a student organization which seeks to create a fellowship of students and provide for them experiences of personal Christian growth and maturity. It further provides opportunities for Christian ministry on campus and in the students' home communities. Sponsored by the State Baptist Student Union, students of any denomination are invited to participate.

Circle K

Circle K, organized in 1958, is the college organization of Kiwanis International. It is sponsored by the Wadley Kiwanis Club, and membership is open to both male and female students who desire to participate in public service. The club is service oriented and sponsors projects aimed at improving the quality of life in regard to issues such as disadvantaged youth, pollution, the communication gap, and racial understanding.

Collegiate 100

The Collegiate 100[®] is a campus-based organization with programmatic initiatives that support the social, emotional, and educational development of students who need positive role models. The Collegiate 100[®] program is sponsored jointly by the college and the local chapter of 100 Black Men of America.

Global Environmental Organization of Students

The Global Environmental Organization of Students (GEOS) began in 1971 as the Environmental Study Club. Also known as the Environmental Awareness Club, it was reorganized as GEOS in 1993 to promote interest in and awareness of environmental science and technology issues in local, state, national, and international communities. Activities include field trips, Arbor Day celebrations, fundraisers, guest speakers, and active communication among members. Membership is open to all students.

Interclub Council

This board consists of club/organization presidents and the Student Life Coordinator. The ICB seeks to provide communication and promote cooperation among all clubs and activities. The goal is to strengthen all organizations. The president of the SGA serves as Interclub Council president.

Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation

The Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (LSAMP) program is an alliance-based program funded by the National Science Foundation (NSF). The overall goal of the program is to assist universities and colleges in diversifying the nation's science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) workforce by increasing the number of STEM baccalaureate and graduate degrees awarded to populations historically underrepresented in these disciplines: African Americans, Hispanic Americans, American Indians, Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians, and Native Pacific Islanders. Prospective members must be full-time students from one of the above populations, with a 3.0 GPA and pursuing a STEM major at Southern Union. *NOTE: Health Science majors are not included in approved STEM majors.*

Selected students will receive a \$3000 scholarship each year (\$1500 for Fall semester and \$1500 for Spring semester). Once selected, members must attend a meeting once per month, study for 2 hours per week in the Student Success Center and maintain an overall 3.0 GPA.

The LSAMP scholarship continues at the following 4-year universities: Alabama State University, Auburn University, AUM, Troy University, Tuskegee University and University of West Alabama.

Mu Alpha Theta

<u>Mu Alpha Theta</u> is a national honor society for outstanding community college students. The purpose of Mu Alpha Theta is to promote scholarship in and enjoyment and understanding of mathematics among community college students. Active

membership may be conferred upon students who take Precalculus Algebra (MTH 112) or higher, achieve a 3.0 GPA or above in all mathematic courses and have an overall 3.0 GPA or higher. Students who were Mu Alpha Theta members in high school are eligible for membership in the SUSCC chapter.

Music Club

The <u>Southern Union Music Club</u> is an organization that promotes fraternalism among the vocal and instrumental students. The club also promotes and helps plan and organize music performances. Membership is open to all students who are enrolled in a performance course at Southern Union State Community College.

National Student Nurses' Association

The NSNA is the only national organization for students of nursing. The purpose of NSNA is to assume responsibility for contributing to nursing education in order to provide for the highest quality health care; to provide programs representative of fundamental and current professional interests and concerns; and to aid in the development of the whole person, his/her professional role, and his/her responsibility for health care of people in all walks of life. The categories of NSNA membership are Active Membership and Associate Membership.

National Technical Honor Society

The <u>National Technical Honor Society</u> (NTHS) is an educational non-profit that exists to honor, recognize, and empower students and teachers in Career & Technical Education. As the honor society for Career & Technical Education, NTHS serves over 100,000 active members annually in both secondary and postsecondary chapters across the country.

Phi Beta Lambda

The purpose of <u>Phi Beta Lambda</u> (PBL) is to inspire and develop the next generation of leaders through personal and professional skill-building activities, unique career development programs, business tours, workshops, and much more. PBL membership is open to all students at Southern Union State Community College who are interested in career preparation, networking, community service, leadership development and recognition, and academic competitions.

Phi Theta Kappa

<u>Phi Theta Kappa</u> is an international organization for recognizing academic achievement in two-year colleges. The lota lota chapter at Southern Union was chartered in April 1957. It has a rich tradition of excellence, including regional and national honors. The organization concentrates on the hallmarks of leadership, fellowship, and service, as well as scholarship.

Membership in Phi Theta Kappa is by invitation only. To be eligible, a student must have an overall GPA of 3.50 or higher. In addition, the student must have completed twelve hours at Southern Union and be enrolled during the semester invitations are issued. The GPA and hours requirements exclude remedial and orientation course work. Members must maintain an overall GPA of 3.25 or higher.

Phi Theta Kappa members are recognized for their academic excellence at graduation by wearing gold stoles. Membership is noted on each student's transcript, and each member's diploma will carry the Phi Theta Kappa seal.

Sigma Kappa Delta

<u>Sigma Kappa Delta</u> is the English Honor Society for Two-Year Colleges. The society's purpose is to confer distinction for high achievement in English language and literature in undergraduate studies, provide cultural stimulation on campus and promote interest in literature and the English language, foster all aspects of the discipline of English, including literature, language, and writing, and promote exemplary character and good fellowship among its members. Members exhibit high standards of academic excellence and serve society by fostering literacy. Students receive invitations for membership after completing 12 hours of college credit, earning an A or B in a credit-bearing English course, and achieving a 3.0 of higher GPA.

Southern Union Bass Fishing Club

The Southern Union Bass Fishing Club was formed to promote fishing as a sport, support community bass fishing, and student involvement through recreational fishing as well as competitive fishing at local, state and national competitions. Membership is open to all full-time students.

Southern Union Players

The Southern Union Players was formed to promote interest in the dramatic arts. This organization assists in the planning and promotion of the college theatrical productions. Membership is open to students enrolled in a Theatre course or by consent of the advisor.

Southern Union Softball Club

The Southern Union Softball Club was formed to promote physical awareness and interest in the sport of softball. This organization assists in the planning and promotions of games and camps for student athletes. Membership is open to students active in the SU softball program or by consent of the advisor.

Southern Union State Catholic Student Organization (SUSCSO)

The Southern Union State Catholic Student Organization welcomes you! Our student-led activities strengthen and develop the faith of Catholic college students as we grow Catholic leaders. Secure facilities at 115 Mitcham Avenue in Auburn are open 24/7 and feature wi-fi, study rooms, and a place to pray; during the school year you will find Bible Studies, dinners, social activities, and most importantly...Catholic fellowship! Come out and join us!

Southern Union Student Veterans Association (SUSVA)

Southern Union Student Veterans Association is dedicated to provide student veterans, service members, and their family members with support, camaraderie, and net- working at Southern Union State Community College. SUSVA conducts regular monthly meetings to find ways to give back and recognize our student veteran population and the community. SUSVA strives in promoting fundraisers and charitable events. SUSVA is a chapter of the National Student Veterans of America.

Wellness Club

The Southern Union Wellness Club seeks to provide leadership to the College and community by introducing individuals to the 9 Dimensions of Wellness (physical, emotional, spiritual, financial, intellectual, environmental, cultural, social, and occupational) through educational programs and physical activities.