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Southern States University (SSU) is becoming a leader in executive business education by providing its students with the skills necessary for managing a small business or advancing into senior management positions in a large company. Whether your interest is in the business of technology, health care, government, retail or non-profits, SSU will teach you the skills necessary for achieving success in today's competitive marketplace.

**Fall 2018.**

# Welcome to **SSU**.



As we complete the Fall Quarter, SSU is grateful and inspired to serve all of you who help deserving students realize their dreams through education. Through such dedication, our University makes a difference in the social mobility of so many students across the world. We know that through education we help students prosper! We have a lot of great new news. Please stay updated by following us on social media.

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619-922-2233

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## ACCREDITATION NEWS

Last year, Southern States University applied for Eligibility from the WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC). In December 2017, WSCUC reviewed the application and determined that the University is eligible to proceed with an application for Candidacy and Initial Accreditation. A determination of Eligibility is not a formal status with the WASC Senior College and University Commission, nor does it ensure eventual accreditation. It is a preliminary finding that the institution is potentially creditable

and can proceed within five years of its Eligibility determination to be reviewed for Candidacy or Initial Accreditation status with the Commission. Questions about Eligibility may be directed to the institution or to WSCUC at wascsr@wascsenior.org or (510) 748-9001. Achieving "Eligibility" completes the first of three major phases in the regional accreditation process. Note this is parallel and in addition to SSU's national accreditation held since 2010 from the Accrediting Council for Independent Schools and Colleges (ACICS).

## ACICS ACCREDITATION

Secretary of Education Orders Restoration of ACICS as a Federally Recognized Accrediting Agency as of December 2016 and Outlines Next Steps in the Compliance Review Process

On Tuesday, April 3, 2018, the Secretary of Education issued an Order notifying ACICS that the U.S. Department of Education has restored ACICS's status as a federally recognized agency as of December 12, 2016. The Order comes in response to the recent ruling from U.S. District Judge Reggie B. Walton that the U.S. Department of Education violated the Administrative Procedures Act by "failing to consider various categories of relevant evidence" in its decision to withdraw ACICS' recognition as a nationally-recognized accreditor. The case was remanded back to the Secretary of Education. Michelle Edwards, ACICS President, issued the following statement regarding the Order: "We were gratified by the court's ruling requiring the Department

to review evidence submitted by ACICS documenting many meaningful reforms implemented by the organization. And we appreciate the timely response by the Department, reinstating our recognition as of December 2016 and outlining the next steps in the compliance review process. The Department's decision ensures that students currently attending ACICS schools are not negatively impacted pending the Department's ongoing review process. In the last two years, ACICS has implemented significant reforms designed to address concerns, strengthen the accreditation process and, ultimately, enhance our ability to hold schools accountable for meaningful student outcomes. These efforts are comprehensive and ongoing, and we look forward to working with the Department to ensure we are not only in full compliance with current requirements but also in a position to become, over time, a leader among accreditors."

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# Chancellor greetings.

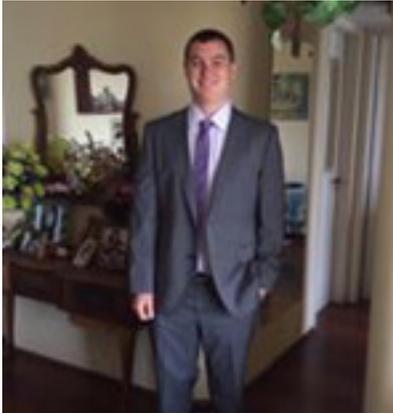


*Our mission is to educate the leaders of tomorrow, while preparing you to develop and achieve your personal and professional goals. Our Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA), Master of Business Administration (MBA) and Master of Science in Information Technology (MSIT) Degree Programs have been designed to train you to succeed in the business world, and to develop tomorrow's business leaders. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to serve you better. Everyone in our administration values your feedback, and I am always personally interested in hearing from students, as we continue striving to provide each of you with the highest quality educational experience. I would like to warmly welcome you to our community of international scholars at Southern States University. I sincerely hope and expect that you will have a wonderful experience with us! Sincerely,*

**- John D. Tucker, Chancellor**



# Career services



## “Learn about building your resume and much more”

Guest Speaker: Michael Tepper,  
MBA Student at the Marshall  
School of Business, University of  
Southern California (USC)

Michael Tepper is a second-year MBA student at USC Marshall School of Business with a background in Project Management, Marketing, and Logistics Planning who encompasses a unique global perspective and a passion for tackling complex issues. He spent time in Brazil managing logistics for the largest startup competition in Latin America, helping budding entrepreneurs secure funding. He has led nimble teams across various departments to streamline day-to-day operations. He is currently reinforcing his skill set through the USC Marshall MBA to further develop his understanding of finance concepts and build upon his professional network.

More about the Speaker: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/michaeltepper42/>

For additional information about the event, please contact SSU Career Services: [careerservices@ssu.edu](mailto:careerservices@ssu.edu)



# Faculty spotlight.



## Dr. Tokunbo Osinubi

*We are pleased to announce Dr. Tokunbo Osinubi's latest publications of his research. Dr. Osinubi obtained a PhD, master's, and bachelor's degree in Economics from the University of Ibadan, Nigeria. He has been an instructor at several universities and recently joined SSU as an Adjunct Faculty. His recent publications are in international trade.*

### *Recent Publications:*

- Capital Structure: An Application of Trade-Off Theory to a Small E&P Oil and Gas Company*
- International Journal of Economics, Commerce and Management*
- 2018, Volume VI, Issue no.6. pp 1-25*
- Assessing the Optimal Capital Structure: A Case Study of Afren Public Limited Company - A Small Exploration and Production Oil and Gas Company*
- Journal of Management, Economics, and Industrial Organization*
- Forthcoming 2019, Volume 3, Number 1, January-April, pp 25-50*

# New Moodle Version Coming for Winter 2019

Dear Students and Faculty,

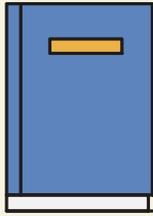
In case you have not noticed... MOODLE is now under better security protocol as the switch from HTTP to HTTPS took place on December 1, 2018. With this change, all your communication between your browser and Moodle is encrypted. Hyper Text Transfer Protocol Secure (HTTPS) is the secure version of HTTP, the protocol over which data is sent between a user's browser and a website. The 'S' at the end of HTTPS stands for 'Secure'. Stay tuned!



# SUCCESS GUIDE FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

## ACADEMIC PROGRESS & YOUR F-1 STATUS

### 1 ACADEMIC PROGRESS



This is **No. 1** to keep in mind: your F-1 visa requires you to **study full time in the U.S. (2 classes for graduate studies/3 classes undergraduate studies)**. Being a student is your primary job and role. Make sure you are **attending all classes**, and making **satisfactory progress (GPA, and grades)**. Yes, your attendance and GPA matter!

#### Graduate Students:

Maintain **3.0 or higher cumulative GPA**  
Each quarter, take **at least 2 classes**; 1 MUST be onsite, and 1 or more can be online.

#### Undergraduate Students:

Maintain **2.0 or higher cumulative GPA**  
Each quarter, take **at least 3 classes**; 2 MUST be onsite, and 1 or more can be online.



### 2 PASSPORT & VISA

Be mindful of your passport, visa, form I-20 and other documents. Be sure to **consult with your DSO before leaving the U.S. to renew your visa**.

### 3 UPDATE, UPDATE!



- In case you haven't caught on yet, anytime there are **changes, update your DSO and academic advisor**. You are required to do so within 10 days of:
  - Moving, or **changing address**
  - Changing your **phone number**
  - Change of **status**
  - **Shorten, extending** or completing your program (in order to graduate, you must also submit a petition to graduate form).
  - If in doubt, update your DSO or ask!

### 4 LEAVE OF ABSENCE (LOA)



**Graduate students** can take 1 approved annual vacation break **AFTER successfully completing at least 3 quarters**. Graduate students can take **up to 1 LOA for the entire program**.

**Undergraduate students** can take an LOA **AFTER every 3 quarters completed; no program limit**.

**Emergencies or unforeseen circumstances:** get in touch right away to determine eligibility for LOA or medical leave, etc. **Do not just leave or stop attending classes.**

### 5 TRAVEL



Anytime you're thinking of traveling outside of the country, check in with your DSO, and make sure you have with you when you travel:

**Updated and signed I-20** (signature valid for 1 year)  
**Up-to-date passport/visa** (must be valid at the time of re-entry into the U.S.)

### 6 EMPLOYMENT

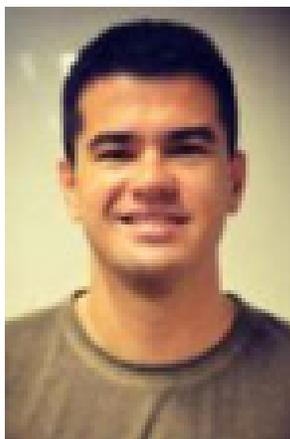


2 Kinds of employment authorization; for both, work **needs to be related to your academic program:**

**CPT:** during studies, part time up to 20 hours per week; approved by DSO/University.

**OPT:** after studies, part or full time up to 40 hours per week, and approved by USCIS.

## He will be missed.



Andre Bezerra has successfully completed his MBA at the Irvine campus. He has been working as Student Ambassador and has tirelessly been helping students with all sorts of problems and concerns. We will miss you Andre, and wish you all the best for your future.



## Meet your Librarian

Library hours | For access to books and computers check in with the front office first.

- San Diego, Monday-Friday: 9 am - 6 pm
- Irvine, Monday-Saturday: 9 am - 6 pm
- Las Vegas, Monday-Friday: 9 am - 5 pm

Meet with your librarian

- Monday 4:30-6:30 pm in San Diego.
- Saturday 10-2: online every Saturday; rotate between San Diego and Irvine campuses.
- Available for appointments, please email.

## Academic Advisors



### Mr. Kimi Ho

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# New instructors

Welcome to **SSU**



Michelle Clemons  
ED.D. / ADJUNCT FACULTY

Michelle Clemons obtained her doctoral degree in educational leadership with research focused on authentic happiness and servant leadership. She has master degrees in Human Resources, Industrial/Organizational Psychology, and Nonprofit Management. Throughout her career, Dr. Clemons has worked at a variety of educational and non-profit institutions. She is Adjunct Faculty based at our San Diego campus.

Chris Najera obtained a Doctoral degree in Educational Leadership from Pepperdine University, a Master of Science in Information Technology from California State University Fullerton, and a Bachelor's degree in Sociology from the University of California at Riverside. He has worked as a technology project manager with more than a decade of hands-on experience at leading consulting firms in the utilities industry. In addition, he has served as a faculty member at various universities teaching graduate and undergraduate courses in management and information systems. Dr. Najera is an Adjunct Faculty member based at the Irvine campus



Chris Najera  
ED.D., ADJUNCT FACULTY



Aneatra Holland  
D.B.A. / ADJUNCT FACULTY

Aneatra Holland received a Doctorate degree in Business Administration from Walden University, an MBA degree with a concentration in Project Management from Kaplan University, and a Bachelor's degree in Business Management from Purdue University. Her dissertation research revolved around non-profit organizations. Dr. Holland currently works as a business consultant and in the past worked with K-12 school districts in California and Nevada and held administrative positions in various capacities. Dr. Holland is an Adjunct Faculty at the Las Vegas campus.

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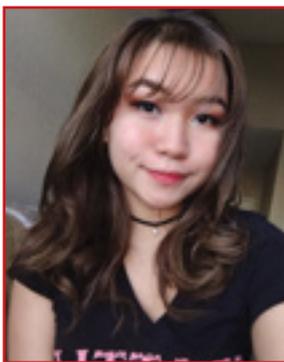
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Dr. Cook's love for computers started in 1986 by attending night programming courses while living in El Paso, Texas. Learning how to program in RPGI, RPGII, Fortran, and tinkering with the IBM 360 systems led to a lifelong passion in Electronics and Information Systems. Dr. Cook joined the United States Air Force and obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in Industrial Technology from East Carolina University. After leaving the service and relocating to San Diego, California, Dr. Cook earned a Master of Science degree in Software Engineering from National University. Immerse in the industry, after 10 years of employment as Chief Information Officer for a large manufacturing company in San Diego, Dr. Cook successfully completed a Ph.D. in Information Technology from Capella University in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Dr. Cook has been involved in academic endeavors for the past 16 years teaching many Information Technology and Electronics courses in the San Diego area. Nowadays, Dr. Cook spends his time between family, a full time IT job, consulting, teaching, and he still tinkers with robotics and numerical machines eager to pass some of that passion to new generations. Professor Cook is a Part-Time Adjunct Faculty at the San Diego Campus.



Lewis Cook  
PH.D. / ADJUNCT FACULTY

# New staff



SHAIRA CAMACHO

Shaira Camacho is a current BBA student at the Irvine Campus. She is from the Philippines and has handled projects dealing with 2d and 3d modeling. After completing the English program at SSU, Shaira decided to continue her education in the business field. Presently, she works as a Student Ambassador at the Irvine Campus. Shaira speaks Tagalog and English.

# Lunch talk.

## **Trump, Wharton, and Wall Street** by Keith Yang, CPA/ PMP/MScBI

Keith Yang holds an M.S. degree in Business Intelligence from Grantham University and a B.S. degree in Business Economics with a major in Finance from the University of Pennsylvania, Wharton School. He is currently licensed as a CPA in California and has completed the project management program at UCLA. Prior to relocating to Southern California, he worked as a financial professional at various high-tech companies ranging from startups to Fortune 500 firms in the Silicon Valley. Currently, he works as VP, Head of Finance at Canvas Worldwide and is an Adjunct Faculty at the Irvine Campus. We hope that you will find this time relaxing with classmates while getting insights from your professor that you can apply in your personal, professional, and academic pursuits.



## **Leveraging Collaboration and Iterative Design to Shape Business Strategy** by Shane Riley, DBA

Why are recent kindergarten graduates (age 5) more successful at collaboration and the design process versus the average MBA graduate? Come to this interactive Lunch Talk and discover how collaboration and iterative design can enhance and support strategy development. Dr. Riley has extensive professional experience working in the private and public sectors; domestic and international. Dr. Riley specializes in strategic management, data science, enterprise resource planning (ERP) business intelligence, political science, and international affairs. Currently, Dr. Riley teaches business courses as an Adjunct Faculty at the San Diego Campus. We hope that you will find this time relaxing with classmates while getting insights from your professor that you can apply in your personal, professional, and academic pursuits.



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