

DOCENT ALUMNI NETWORK

Southern University and A & M College and The Laser Interferometer Gravitational-Wave Observatory (LIGO)

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The Docent Alumni Network was created to strengthen the Docent STEM Pipeline by building community, making professional connections and enhancing relationships.

Mark your Calendars

April 27, 2024: Alumni Mix and Mingle
11 am - 2 pm
Red Stick Social
1503 Government Street
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

RSVP or send your regrets using the following link:
<https://tinyurl.com/docent2024event>

Save the Date
October 19, 2024
Docent Alumni Homecoming Tailgate

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<https://tinyurl.com/docenthomecoming>

SUBR – LIGO Docent Alumni Spotlight

Mrs. Charon Holmes is a native of Ethel, Louisiana, and a Fall 2016 mechanical engineering graduate of Southern University and A & M College. Docent Alumna Charon answered the request to share her story and her heart with fellow docent alumni. Keep reading to understand her “WHY” and be encouraged to offer the world an extra hint of greatness.

Who is Mrs. Charon Holmes? Charon is the daughter of two ambitious and hardworking parents. Her parents have four children, and three are engineers. She is a wife to an amazing husband who encourages her daily, a mother to two incredible daughters, and an aunt to three nieces and two nephews. Mrs. Charon has a deep passion for educating and coaching others. After college, she started her career as an educator but recently transitioned into a more technical space as a Process Engineer with Procter and Gamble. She is also an entrepreneur in the real estate market. Docent Alumni, please meet Mrs. Charon Holmes, who is inspiring, confident, and well-rounded.



The role of family: “My WHY is my family. They inspire and influence me.” Mrs. Charon has a very close-knit relationship with her family. She has relied on her relationship with God and her family throughout her educational and career journeys. Charon has a village of support, especially from her older brother and her husband, who offer advice, motivation, and encouragement. She stated that many of her life desires center around her parents and their experiences. She hopes to continue along the path of success to provide her parents with some things they helped pave the way for.

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Mrs. Charon Holmes

Understanding who you are: Mrs. Charon is an out-of-the-box thinker. Her career path may seem abnormal, but skillfully juggling her career opportunities allows her to continue her passion for educating others. After graduating from Southern University, she spent five years in education. Mrs. Charon was a classroom teacher, a master teacher, and an instructional supervisor. She feels educational policymakers must “focus on the whole child” to meet the needs of our students. Currently, she works as a Process Engineer with Procter and Gamble, where she coaches [educate] operators about equipment improvements. Finally, as a real estate agent, Mrs. Charon educates young adults on understanding “the investment they can make into real estate.” At her core, Mrs. Charon is an educator in every aspect. She said that this season, she “has her head down and is focused on all the things she would like to accomplish.”

Question: What lessons or experiences as a docent can you apply to your every-day life? “Don’t think within a box; believe that it can happen. When I was a docent, gravitational waves were not detected at the time. After the waves were detected, I spoke with Mrs. Cathy and saw the publicity LIGO received from this experience. It took a while for something BIG to happen at LIGO,” but eventually, something did happen. Mrs. Charon mentioned LIGO’s impact extends through “educating children, teachers, and the community.”

**Are you experiencing mid-career emotions?
Are you burned out or ready for a career shift?**

“Take time to sit down and brainstorm on your why. What are you passionate about? Be confident and unafraid to make tough decisions.”

- Charon

Advice to Recent Graduates

“Be confident in yourself. Be confident in the things you have learned. Have an open mind on how to apply what you have learned. In the workforce, you may be put in positions where you are not the most comfortable, but being confident in yourself, your skill set, and what you have to offer will take you a long way.”

- Charon



What’s the BIG message? Mrs. Charon, an SUBR-LIGO Docent alumna, inspired me (Brittany) to push for greatness and not hold back. My favorite quote from Charon’s interview is to take life, “One day at a time, one step at a time. Just because it doesn’t happen right now doesn’t mean it will never happen. It just hasn’t happened yet.” What are you expecting this year? Keep pushing towards greatness, and don’t hold back because it will happen to and for you.

If you are thinking about homeownership or investing, connect with Charon Holmes.

Mrs. Charon is a real estate agent specializing in educating young adults about the home-buying and selling process. Nominated as Rookie of the Year, Mrs. Charon is passionate about helping others see the “investment they can make into real estate.” Investing in real estate “can project them into a [favorable] direction in life” even during difficult times such as Covid-19 and historical inflation rates.

You can connect with Charon and refer your family and friends to her by contacting her at

225-663-0254

charon@primeproperties225.com

Are you interested in sharing your story to connect with fellow SUBR-LIGO Docent Alumni?
Do you have a business you are interested in advertising?
Are you aware of STEM outreach opportunities in your area?
Let us know by emailing Brittany.hinyard@sus.edu.

You can also connect with us through GroupMe at groupme.com/join_group/99851854/dkR0Jwkl, Facebook at SU Docent Ligo-Project, or our website at www.subr.edu/subhome/73

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Resources for Recent Graduates:

Careercenterbr.com/youtube

This resource provides tips for resume writing and proper interviewing.

SUBR-LIGO Mentoring Program

Mentor Signup:

<https://forms.office.com/r/4psC5rjJFt>

Mentee Signup:

<https://forms.office.com/r/dvg7EL1cN0>

Career Building Resources:

<https://tinyurl.com/Ynetwork>
<https://tinyurl.com/Ybuildaresume>

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S.T.E.A.M. CAMP

- 9 WEEK: MAY 27-JULY 26
- 7:30A-5:30P
- \$125/ WEEK
- AGES 5-13
- \$75 REGISTRATION
- EXTENDED DAY AVAILABLE
- HANDS ON DAILY PROJECTS
- FIELD TRIPS
- 27987 PETES HWY, STE 1, D.S. 70726
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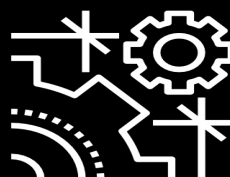


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