



[← BACK](#) [PRINT](#)

Oct 03, 2007

Governor Blanco announces appointments to the Southern University System Board of Supervisors

BATON ROUGE, LA - Governor Kathleen Babineaux Blanco today announced the appointments of E. Jean Ware, Herman L. Hartman, Jr., Mary R. Doucet, and Samuel C. Tolbert, Jr. to the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System.

"These individuals represent the best our state has to offer," Governor Blanco said. "They bring a wealth of experience in education, administration, and community leadership to the board, and they will prove invaluable in helping guide Southern's continuing growth and pursuit of excellence."

Ware, of Shreveport, represents the Fourth Congressional District. She currently serves as the Curriculum Supervisor for Caddo Parish Schools. She received her Bachelor's Degree in Mathematics from Southern in 1967, and earned her Master's in Mathematics from the University of Nebraska in 1974. Ware has received additional certifications in Administration and Supervision as well as in Counseling and Guidance. She is a past president and the current treasurer of the Louisiana Council of Supervisors of Mathematics. She serves as a member of the National Council of Supervisors of Mathematics, and is the treasurer for the YWCA of Northwest Louisiana. She is also an active member of the Southern University Alumni Federation, the Louisiana School Supervisors Association and the Louisiana Association of Teachers of Mathematics.

Hartman served as Head Women's Basketball Coach at Southern University from 1992-2000, and was honored as the SWAC Coach of the Year in 1992-93. He lives in Morgan City and represents the Third Congressional District. Coach Hartman earned his Bachelor's and Master's Degrees from Southern University. He taught and coached at Morgan City High School for 25 years. Hartman serves on the Board of Directors of Claire House, as President of the Tri-City Helping Hearts Foundation and as Secretary of the Keep Morgan City Beautiful Committee. He also volunteers as a reading listener at local elementary schools and has founded a summer mentoring program for youth.

Doucet represents the Seventh Congressional District. She received her Bachelor's Degree in Speech Pathology and Audiology as well as her Master's in Education from Southern University. She presently serves as the Coordinator for Special Education Instructional Programs for the St. Landry Parish School Board. Doucet has earned additional certifications in a number of areas. She serves as Chairperson of the Opelousas Housing Authority, Vice President of the St. Landry Southern Alumni Federation and Treasurer of the St. Landry Tourism Commission. She is an active member of the Louisiana Association of Educators, the Louisiana Speech and Hearing Association, St. Landry Community Action Agency, and is a Board Member of the United Way of Acadiana and the Opelousas - St. Landry Chamber of Commerce.

Tolbert has served as pastor of the Greater Saint Mary Missionary Baptist Church in Lake Charles since 1984. He represents the Seventh Congressional District. Reverend Tolbert graduated from Bishop College in Dallas, Texas. He has served on the Lake Charles City Council and as a Commissioner for the Lake Charles Housing Authority. Tolbert is a member of the Board of Trustees for the Union Baptist College and Theological Seminary in New Orleans, President of Greater St. Mary Community Development Foundation, President of the Louisiana Home and Foreign Missions Baptist State Convention and General Secretary of the National Baptist Convention of America. He is also a member of the Louisiana Economic Development Corporation.

All appointments are effective October 1, 2007. All terms expire on December 31, 2012, excluding Doucet's, which expires on December 31, 2010.

The Southern University System, the only historically black university system in America with an enrollment of more than 15,000 students, encompasses five institutions offering two-year, four-year, graduate, professional and doctoral degrees. The Board of Supervisors is vested with the responsibility for the management and the supervision of the institutions of higher education, statewide agricultural programs, and other programs which comprise the Southern University System.

###

GOV.LOUISIANA.GOV