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Edwin Buggage
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A Record of Success

As early voting has begun, and we are on the eve of an historical election where Louisiana's Congressman Troy Carter (LA -2) is running for re-election to represent the great people of the 2nd Congressional District.

During his tenure, Carter, a Democrat has delivered on several key promises, including infrastructure, higher education, voter access, Criminal Justice Reform measures, and economic development. These efforts have garnered praise from constituents, and leaders from various sectors. He is a leader who during his tenure has risen in the national Democratic Party in Congress, bringing much-needed resources to the district.

Data News Weekly, led by Publisher Terry Jones is endorsing Carter. Recently, the Congressman spoke with Data News Weekly where he outlined why he should be re-elected, why people should get out and vote, and his thoughts on the historic nature of this election.

Why Should Troy Carter be Re-elected? (Bold)

"I have a long history of service to the people of Louisiana's 2nd Congressional District, as a New Orleans City Councilmember, state legislator, and now Congressman. In this role, I proudly delivered for underserved communities, delivering critical infrastructure funding throughout LA-02, from community lighthouses to help us weather storms to revitalize Lincoln Beach to countless public safety investments all across the district. I have listened to the people and won hundreds of millions of dollars in resources you have asked for," Carter says listing some of his accomplishments as reasons why he should be re-elected.

Why Should People Go Out and Vote?

Speaking on the historic election, where Democracy and the future direction of the country are on the ballot, Carter states, "This year is an inflection point for all Americans. The future of opportunity, healthcare, and our na-



"Congressman Troy Carter has a long history of service, as a member of the New Orleans City Council, Louisiana State Legislator, and now a member of the U.S. Congress. During this time, he's consistently been a leader serving all the people and securing the resources to make life better for all. This is why Data News Weekly is endorsing Troy Carter," says DNW Publisher Terry Jones.

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tion's place in the world is at stake, so I encourage everyone to vote!"

Continuing he says, "We must keep up the progress of the Biden Administration and work even harder to support the Historic Election of Kamala Harris as President of the United States with a capable, effective Congress to advance an agenda that will work for the American people. I especially want to encourage voters to read Vice President Harris' compelling Agenda for Black Men. Her ideas will have an immediate impact on our district."

Historic Election on November 5th: Democracy and the Future of America on the Ballot

This election is historic for several reasons. The nation can elect its first woman President with the election Kamala Harris, and Louisiana's newly formed 6th Congressional District, where a win by a Democrat, would have an impact on the makeup of the House of Representatives.

"With two majority-minority districts this election - our first ac-

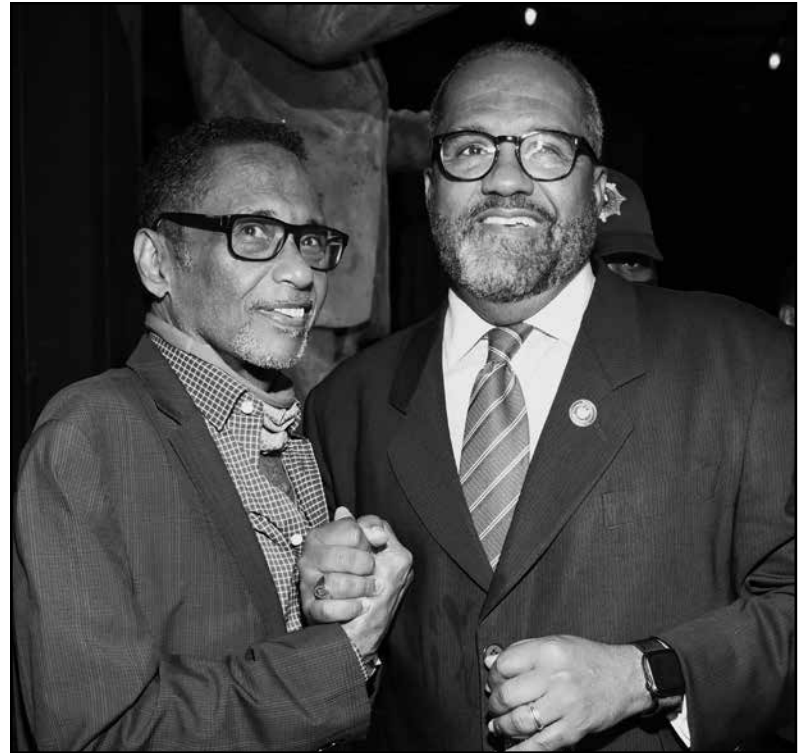


Troy Carter has earned the support of stakeholders across the political spectrum. He is a solution oriented leader that is making life better for the people of Louisiana 2nd Congressional District.

curate representation of Louisiana's population in Congress - we have the chance to play a big role in turning Congress blue! Louisiana can

make the difference, and I am overjoyed at the prospect."

For voters, Congressman Troy Carter offers a record of results



Congressman Troy Carter with Terry Jones, Publisher of Data News Weekly.

and a promise of continued dedication to the issues that matter most. With decades of experience holding elected offices and a proven

track record of getting things done, Carter is the candidate to continue driving Louisiana's 2nd Congressional District forward.

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Bayou Road Spotlights Black-Owned Businesses at Annual Homefest

Photos by Benjamin Bates
Story by Sofia McDonald
Data News Weekly
Contributor

The 9th Annual Bayou Road Homefest showcased history, culture, entrepreneurship, and community empowerment in the New Orleans area on Sunday, Oct. 20th. The idea was first created in 2013 by the Community Book Center to promote local entrepreneurs on Bayou Road an historic hub for commerce in the City of New Orleans. This festival elevates cultural institutions, local talent, and the revival of Black-Owned Commerce today on Bayou Road.



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Your Voice Matters

New Orleans Funk Fest 2024

Photos by Demian Roberts
Data News Weekly Contributor

The highly anticipated New Orleans Funk Fest 2024 returned for another electrifying celebration of funk, soul, and New Orleans culture! This year's festival delivered as promised being bigger and better than ever, featuring an all-star lineup of artists, food, and activities that showcase the heart and soul of the Crescent City. Data News Weekly was there!!!



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UNCF Walk for Education Raises Funds for Local HBCUs

Story and Photos by
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Beneath a cool morning sky, the energy was electric as thousands laced up their sneakers and hit the pavement for this year's United Negro College Fund Walk for Education. The walk was hosted at the University of New Orleans' Athletic Field and included performances, vendors, and fun events for participants. The walk's purpose was to promote education and raise funds for local Historically Black Colleges and Universities. But for many, it was more than just a fundraiser, but a celebration of community, resilience, and hope.

"I really like the idea. A lot of HBCUs don't receive a lot of funding, especially the lesser known. Money typically goes to the bigger colleges, so it's nice that they have these fundraisers so that smaller Southern colleges get some funding as well because they deserve it too," said Henry 'Elle Pierre, a resident who participated in the walk.

Community organizations such as Crescent Care, Blue Cross Blue Shield, Bayer Pharmaceutical



Many came out to take part in the UNCF Walk for Education. It is a truly worthy cause to support the next generation to strive for excellence.

Company, and Hancock Whitney provided resources for the community. Xavier University's College of Pharmacy's Louisiana Can Project offered HIV Awareness and Prevention Services and Dillard University's Office of Alumni Relations connected with the residents and future HBCU students.

"As we are a large part of both Xavier and Dillard's health components, with the walk today, it's a better opportunity to promote our services. We want to meet the community where they're at and that's

why we come out to these events to push this important information to students and the community," said Glenis Scott, the Preventions Program Manager for Crescent Care.

The event emphasized the importance of ensuring that all HBCUs, regardless of size, have the resources needed to support their students. By raising both awareness and funds, the walk played a critical role in helping to level the playing field for these institutions, ensuring that students have access to the financial aid they need to succeed.



"I think it's important for those like myself, as well as universities and organizations to participate in this because of the mission of UNCF and getting our students to and through college and providing them with funding which is something that our students need," said Sierra Blanchard, Xavier's Assistant Director for the Center for Student Involvement.

The event highlighted the power of collective action in addressing educational inequities, further reinforcing UNCF's mission to invest

in bright futures. Each step represented the thousands determined to unlock doors of opportunity for deserving students, reminding participants that the path to education is a journey to walk together.

"I love it! Because I know that some people have financial problems with supporting themselves through school, so UNCF really has a lot of scholarships that cater to any and everybody and you know, a mind is a terrible thing to waste," said Raven Jones, a chemistry major at Xavier.

New Orleans Men Buckjumpers 40th Anniversary Queens Ball

Eric Connerly
Data News Weekly
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New Orleans is a city known for its many celebrations. The Original New Orleans Men Buckjumpers are excited to announce they will be holding their 40th Anniversary Queens Ball on October 25th at the Xavier University Convocation Center.

This event will honor 2024 Queen Christine Williams. The night also will feature a night of unforgettable live music and performances.

Hosted by New Orleans Music legend Gregory D and Q93's Uptown Angela with performances by R&B superstar K. Michelle, Soul Singer Lyfe Jennings, New Orleans own Big Freedia and DJ Captain Charles, this night is one not to be missed.

For more information call 504-382-7439



New Orleans Men Buckjumpers



2024 Men Buckjumpers Queen Christine Williams

Reconcile New Orleans Celebrates the Grand Opening of the Oscar J. Tolmas Career Exploration Center with Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Data News Staff Edited Report

Reconcile New Orleans celebrated the Grand Opening of the Oscar J. Tolmas Career Exploration Center with an Official Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony on Wednesday, October 8, 2024. Reconcile Board Members, Interns, Alumni, and Community Partners gathered to celebrate and recognize the Oscar J. Tolmas Charitable Trust's investment and continued support of young people in New Orleans.

The redesigned and fully equipped career center on the 4th floor of Reconcile New Orleans is a professional learning and workspace dedicated to workforce training, education programs, and networking opportunities to support young people as they take the next steps toward their careers.

"The Oscar J. Tolmas Charitable Trust believes in New Orleans' young people," said Kheri Billy, CEO of Reconcile New Orleans. "Their philanthropy ensures that Interns feel seen, heard, valued, and supported. Our Interns now have a vital resource – a safe, supportive, and professional workspace equipped with the tools they need to unlock their potential and take the next steps in their growth and development."

Reconcile New Orleans' Workforce Training Program is uniquely designed to bridge the gap between young people and the abundant opportunities that await them. Reconcile's approach integrates three critical elements: individualized social service support, job readiness training, and career exploration.

The Oscar J. Tolmas Career Exploration Center provides a supportive and professional space where Interns focus on:

Mock Interviews:

These practice sessions help participants build confidence and refine their interview skills, providing valuable feedback to improve their performance in real job interviews.



Pictured L to R: Chris Ross (Reconcile Board Chair, Caitlin Scanlan (Reconcile Chief Development Officer, Chassidy Carter (Reconcile Alumni Advisory Council Chair & Board Member), Vincent Giardina, CPA (President of Oscar J. Tolmas Charitable Trust), Lisa Romano, CPA (Vice-President of Oscar J. Tolmas Charitable Trust), Kheri Billy (CEO of Reconcile New Orleans), Jaseirra Kennedy (Reconcile Graduate and Trainer Advocate Apprentice), Toya Crosby, CFSWC (Reconcile Employment Program Manager), David Carney (Reconcile Board Member), Lindsey Wands (Reconcile Board Member)

Resume and Cover Letter Design:

Reconcile's workshops guide participants in creating professional resumes and cover letters that highlight their skills and experiences, making them stand out to potential employers.

Worker Rights: (BOLD)

Reconcile educates young people about their rights in the workplace, ensuring they understand important legal protections and can advocate for themselves effectively.

Professional Communications:

Training in professional communication helps participants develop essential skills for interacting with colleagues and employers, including writing emails and participating in meetings.

Career Coaching:

One-on-one coaching provides personalized guidance and support, helping individuals explore career options, set goals, and create a plan to achieve their professional aspirations.

"We choose to support Reconcile because they promote education and careers," said Vincent J. Giardina, CPA, President of the Oscar J. Tolmas Charitable Trust. "We know the Oscar J. Tolmas Career Exploration Center is an important resource that will positively impact

young people. By donating to Reconcile, we feel we are doing our small part to create a better community and New Orleans for all of us."

"Support from the Oscar J. Tolmas Charitable Trust is an invest-

ment in the future of our entire community. Each young person who finds a good job and starts their career strengthens New Orleans and helps our local economy thrive," added Billy.

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