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CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

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College of Arts & Sciences

Health Information Management Systems

On January 11, 2022, Mrs. Sharon McGee participated in a virtual AHIMA Revenue Cycle Practice Council meeting. The practice council worked to monitor and to provide AHIMA with expertise related to revenue cycle management processes. The Practice Council is comprised of subject matter experts that participate in evaluating, recommending, and potentially lending their expertise in the creation of AHIMA domain-specific educational resources.

On January 19, 2022, Mr. John Barrilleaux was on the panel for the recording of the AHIMA Hi-Pitch Podcast in order to advertise the upcoming webinar series on coding in post-acute settings. The webinar will begin release next month starting with the ICD-10-CM/PCS coding conventions webinar.

On December 13, 2021 and on January 19, 2022, Mr. John Barrilleaux attended the College of Healthcare Information Management Executives Policy and Politics updates.

On December 17, 2021, Mr. John Barrilleaux attended the Louisiana Health Information Management Association (LHIMA) quarterly meeting. He presided over the meeting as president, while Mrs. Sharon McGee contributed as the elected delegate and education chair.

On December 15, 2021 both Mr. John Barrilleaux and Mrs. Sharon McGee attended CAHIIM Town Hall meeting, titled Borrowing from Academic Detailing to Ensure High Performing Graduates. John Barrilleaux also attended the LHIMA finance committee meeting. This meeting was held to review the status of the budget and projections for the upcoming LHIMA Conference.

On December 3, 2021, Mr. John Barrilleaux attended an AHIMA Volunteer Orientation and Training. This orientation and training was for the work done with the National Association including the Committee Chair for the Coding and Clinical Terminologies practice council, the House of Delegates membership, the AHIMA Advocacy Summit presenter, and the contributor to online seminar and print publications.

Congratulations to Assistant Professor John Barrilleaux! He has an article recently published in the Journal of AHIMA (American Health Information Management Association), Coding Stroke for the IRF-PAI and Claim Form. The article explores the challenges in coding patient medical records for stroke patients in the inpatient rehabilitation level of care.

Department of Natural Sciences

Dr. ILLYA TIETZEL

On 1/19/2022, Dr. Illya Tietzel registered for the 2022 Louisiana Biomedical Research Network (LBRN) Annual Meeting to be held virtually January 28th & 29th 2022.

Dr. Tietzel earned an IBM Artificial Intelligence Practitioner – Certificate that was issued on January 11th 2022. After completing all the work for the Southern University System IBM bootcamp about artificial intelligence, completing the required course in the “IBM Skills Academy” and passing a comprehensive test, the “IBM Artificial Intelligence Practitioner Certificate” was issued to Dr. Tietzel. The IBM bootcamp was offered through a memorandum of agreement between Southern University System and IBM. IBM offers via the “IBM Global University Programs” training opportunities via the “IBM Skills Academy” and the “IBM Academic Initiative”.

On 12/13/2021, Dr. Illya Tietzel earned two microcertifications : 1) IBM education badge for Enterprise Design Thinking Practitioner, 2) Enterprise Design Thinking - Team Essentials for AI as part of an “IBM Skills Bootcamp” about artificial intelligence.

On 12/2/2021, Dr. Illya Tietzel received recognition from the Office of Grants and Sponsored Programs at SUNO for : 1) “most outstanding researcher” , 2) “special recognition – honorable mention” , 3) “honorable mention for most funded proposals”, 4) submitting proposals to enhance academic, research, service, capacity building and/or professional development activities during the 2020-2021 academic year.

On 12/1/2021, Dr. Illya Tietzel attended a NASA EPSCoR Presents Virtual Research Discussion (ViReD). Citizen science opportunities for undergraduates and K-12 students in the area of heliophysics were presented. Emphasis was placed on the machine learning and artificial intelligence parts of the research.

Center for African American Studies

CAAAS January 2022 Activity Report

The Center for African and African American Studies (CAAAS) continues its 2021 - 2022 Programming Year Celebrating **SANKOFA: Lest We Forget! From the Pyramids to the Present.**

January 17, 2022: Remembering the Life and Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Dr. Clyde C. Robertson was featured on Talk Louisiana-a National Public Radio (WRFK) affiliate in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, hosted by award-winning journalist and broadcaster Jim Engster.



CAAAS Prepares to Celebrate!

February 1st., 3rd., and 8th: The Center for African American Studies and the Millie Charles School of Social Work will present in three documentary segments, **The Challenge of Change: Obama: In Pursuit of A More Perfect Union.** Each segment can be viewed via ZOOM, 6:00pm-8:30pm. Registration required.

Each segment will feature the following guest speaker: Part 1-The Obama Early Years, Ms. Melissa Haley, President, National Association of Black Social Workers; Part 2-The Obama Campaigns, Dr. Torin Sanders, Associate Professor/Director-BSW Program, SUNO and Part 3-The Obama Presidency, Dr. George Amedee, Professor, Political Science, SUNO.



Ms. Melissa Haley
President, National
Association of Black
Social Workers



Dr. Torin Sanders
Associate Professor/ Director
BSW Program, SUNO



Dr. George Amedee
Professor, Political Science,
SUNO

February 1, 2022: The Center for African and African Studies will present via ZOOM, its annual Charles Frye Memorial Lecture. This year's lecturer is **United States Representative Troy A. Carter (2nd Congressional District).** Representative Carter will address, Why African Americans Should Demand and Protect Voting Rights.



FALL 2021:

1. Dr. Clyde C. Robertson is on the Committee to establish a Communications Discipline in the English Department's curriculum.

Dr. Robertson continues to execute the following Grants:

1. Ochsner Foundation Award: Collaboration with Dr. Eid, Director of Museum Studies: Authentic Voices: African American Reflections of COVID-19- Stories of Sickness, Loss, and Triumph in New Orleans.

2. **February 1, 2021-January 31, 2022:** National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH): Pontchartrain Park Pioneers: An Oral History of New Orleans' Civil Rights Era Segregated "Black Suburb in the City" Curriculum Development initiative.

3. **August 1, 2020-March 31, 2022:** State of Louisiana-Louisiana Division of Historic Preservation Grant: Pontchartrain Park Pioneers Oral History Project.

Additionally, Ms. Linda Hill continues to develop the SUNO-CAAAS Archive.

Department of Social Sciences

On January 10, 2022, Judge Harry Cantrell administered the Oath of office to Mayor Latoya Cantrell for her second term. She is the first African American Female to serve the City of New Orleans.

Interdisciplinary Studies Program

The Interdisciplinary Studies Program is proud to announce that one its majors Daisy Taylor, who is also a SUNO employee, is the recipient of two educational scholarships: Alpha Kappa Alpha (Omicron Lambda Omega Chapter) and Jack and Jill.



College of Education and Human Development

The Honore' Men started this year off assisting the arrival of Haitian political leaders. The Haiti Unity Summit concluded on Monday, Jan. 17, by watching Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech. The Haitian delegates and Diaspora members leave the summit with a plan and hope.

The four-day summit hosted by the Southern University Law Center, in conjunction with the 2021 Haitian Diaspora Interest Group, closed with an action plan the Haitian political leaders can use to collaborate with the Accords in Haiti and help improve the government.

General Russell Honoré opened the afternoon with a tweet from Fritz A Jean, the Accord Unitarie de la Louisiane's presidential nomination, asking for peace and unity as the country approaches the Feb. 7 deadline. Feb. 7 is believed to be when the assassinated President Jovenel Moïse officially ends.

There is hope that within the next few weeks leading up to the Feb. 7 deadline, the Accord Unitarie de la Louisiane can lead the way forward with the Accords in Haiti, and there can be collaborations on all fronts.

The following steps for the delegates will be to work to have the interim government established around Feb. 7, determine when the election will happen, and third to make sure there is security in place.

Honoré told the group and the Haitian people in closing the summit, "Remember your motto- strength and unity. You will survive together or fail separately."

The delegates entered the summit with nine different Accords and unanimously agreed upon one Accord, Accord Unitarie de la Louisiane. After hours of deliberation on Saturday and Sunday, the group decided to have a president and Prime Minister run the country. Fritz A Jean was nominated as the next Interim President of Haiti, and Mariam Fetiore, a female candidate for interim Prime Minister.

At the end of the summit, the delegates stated that it was a long and challenging process, but they managed to choose the right direction for Haiti. They are proud of the work done so far in the summit. Some delegates shared how the democratic process is not easy but practical.

SBDMI Workshops/Seminars/Trainings/Meetings (January 2022)

Mrs. Cynthia Beaulieu, Director, Small Business Development & Management Institute, reported the following activities and achievements during January 2022.

- Louisiana Notary Prep Training; January 4 & 11, 2022; Meeting moved to Instructors Office Location; 7 participants; In-depth weekly training in preparation for Louisiana Notary Law Exam; Mr. Craig Duronslet, Instructor, Mr. Cedric Morgan, Instructor, Chantell Mitchel, and Ms. Cynthia Beaulieu, Director.
- Live Broad Cast of WBOK Radio Program; Show broadcast remotely; January 6, 13, 20, and 27, 2022; "SUNO Small Business Institute Network," sponsored by SUNO Small Business Incubator and Louisiana Economic Development (LED); The show offers valuable tools and information designed to help New Orleans small business owners take their business to the next level as well as assisting those individuals wishing to start a business. The show provides resources and information essential to small businesses. The show is broadcast every Thursday from 12:30 to 1:00 pm on WBOK AM Radio; Ms. Cynthia Beaulieu, Director, Host.
- CBA Virtual Meeting; January 11, 2022; CBA faculty, staff, and Ms. Cynthia Beaulieu, Director.
- Virtual New Orleans Economic Recovery Working Group; January 12, 2022; Sponsored by City of New Orleans; Group of 22 Community Leaders in New Orleans and Ms. Cynthia Beaulieu, Director.
- QuickBooks Implementation Planning Meeting; January 12, 2022; Exploring having QuickBooks Instructions and Certification in the CBA curriculum as well as SBDMI training for Center clients and Incubator residents; Dr. Igwe Udeh, Ms. Eileen Andrus, Ms. Shelina Gathers. Ms. Lisa Collins and Ms. Cynthia Beaulieu, Director.
- Virtual Small Emerging Business Development (SEBD) Quarterly Meeting; January 13, 2022; Meeting of all Louisiana SEBD Intermediaries to share best practices and update program activities; 18 state-wide Intermediaries, Ms. Chantell Mitchel and Ms. Cynthia Beaulieu, Director.
- Second Meeting QuickBooks Implementation Planning Meeting; January 19, 2022; Exploring having QuickBooks Instructions and Certification in the CBA curriculum and SBDMI training for Center clients and Incubator residents; Dr. Igwe Udeh, Ms. Eileen Andrus, Ms. Shelina Gathers. Ms. Lisa Collins and Ms. Cynthia Beaulieu, Director.
- Planning Committee Virtual Meeting for 101 Women in Business; January 21, 2022; Three-day conference scheduled to be held at SUNO March 23- 26, 2022; SBA Representatives and LSBDC representatives and Ms. Cynthia Beaulieu, Director.
- Our Money Matters (OMM) HBCU-CDAC Funny Money Virtual Meeting; January 25, 2022; Discuss SUNO-SBDMI participation in the Comedy Show sponsored by Wells Fargo Our Many Matters \$5 ½ M Grant with the CDAC; Ms. Temple Jackson & Ms. Cynthia Beaulieu.
- Young Audience Virtual Board Meeting; January 13, 2022; Organization that inspires young people and expands their learning through the arts; Board members & Cynthia Beaulieu.
- Louisiana Economic Development (LED) Peer-to-Peer Roundtable; January 27, 2022, 5th sessions; Virtual Meetings; 14 participants; Business owners met for peer-to-peer learning, brainstorming, and problem-solving. Business owners safely explored business and personal issues in a supportive, confidential, and trusting environment. The roundtables are problem-solving sessions that address issues important to the business owner. Invited Industry guests to discuss access to new and innovative business and business growth; Ms. Irma Dixon, facilitator, Ms. Shatiqua Mosley Wilson, Host, and Ms. Cynthia Beaulieu.
- Tour of Small Business Incubator for future tenants; January 2022; several Incubator tours and what we have to offer potential tenants; Ms. Mary Thomas, Mary & Company, & Ms.

Cynthia Beaulieu, Director. Incubator now has 12 Tenants in the Incubator.

- Meetings to Develop SBDMI/Incubator's upcoming Seminars/Workshops; Ongoing; Ms. Chantell Mitchell Ms. Cynthia Beaulieu, Director.
- Small and Emerging Business Development (SEBD); (Ongoing); 5 Assessments; Ms. Cynthia Beaulieu, Director
- SEBD One-on-One; (3); Call-in Clients; Ms. Cynthia Beaulieu, Director.
- Counseled; Incubator Clients; Ms. Cynthia Beaulieu, Director

Office of Student Services and DXC Team (December 2021- January 2022 Report)

Mrs. Timotea Bailey, Director, CBA Office of Student Services and Recruitment Manager, DXC Partnership;

- Eric Williams (Recruitment Coordinator); and Constance Woods (Student Success Specialist) reported the following achievements for December 2021-January 2022:
- Advised and assisted students with grading issues
- Closed out the records of students graduating for Fall 2021
- Reached out to students on suspension to get an early start on the appeal process
- Closed out the Fall AWS Cloud Foundations Certification course in which three SUNO students received certification
- Samuel Brandon – BS-CIS'21
- Paul Gbogi – MS-CIS student
- Jyothi Sree Kanakamedela – MS-CIS
- Hosted with the entire SUS DXC Team a very successful IBM Boot Camp
- Faculty badges
- Dr. Ilya Tietzel, Biology - Enterprise Design Thinking and Artificial Intelligence badge
- Mr. David Burks, CIS Adjunct – Cybersecurity
- SUNO Student Badges
- Artificial Intelligence Badges
- Kenechukwu (Kaycee) Adinnuh – MS-CIS, also earned Enterprise Design Thinking badge
- Rondale Beckwith – MS-CIS, also earned Enterprise Design Thinking badge
- Gwendolyn Robinson – Jr. BS-BADM
- Cybersecurity Badges
- Paul Gbogi – MS-CIS
- Tehya Grissett, BS-CIS
- Jyothi Sree Kanakamedela – MS-CIS
- Curstin Kaufman – MS-CIS
- Data Science Badges
- Teja Kata – MS-CIS, also earned Data Science Tools badge
- Malery Louis – MS-CIS
- Kenneth Yamoah – Sr. BS-BADM, also earned Data Science Tools badge
- Weekly planning meetings for IBM Bootcamp
- Sent acceptance letters to Bootcamp students
- Attended the following meetings
 - o CBA Interdepartmental meeting
 - o Retention meeting with Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
 - o LAABSET weekly team meetings
 - o DXC SUBR/SUNO team meetings
 - o DXC Project Managers meetings

Millie M. Charles School of Social Work

The School of Social Work works with local, state, and regional organizations to promote equity in the social work practice act, testing, and practice specializations. Dean Chaisson engages with CSWE about the new competencies that mandate education about anti-racism and anti-oppressive educational practice. Dr. Harry Russell is co-chair of the Macro Practice ADHOC committee of the Interagency Organizational Committee (IOC). This ADHOC committee is charged with developing recommendations for revised categories in the licensing; the revisions would provide licensing for independent practitioners for macro-practitioners (administrative, policy, community organizing, & advocacy). Our in-house recruitment and admissions committee continues to work with SUNO admissions to enhance efforts in the areas of recruitment and admissions. Other contributions by faculty members are presented in the following section.



Kevin Brown, Ph.D., MSW

On November 14, 2021, Dr. Kevin Brown led a marriage retreat for Woodland Presbyterian Church. Focusing on elements of a healthy marriage, Brown drew upon his years as a marriage and family therapist to focus participants on crucial skills required to sustain healthy relationships.

On November 20, 2021, Dr. Brown was honored during the annual convention of the North American Association of Christians in social work for his six years of board membership and two years as President of the board. At the annual convention's banquet, the Executive Director presented Dr. Brown with a commemorative plaque for his years of service. Dr. Brown's tenure as board chair ended December 31, 2021.

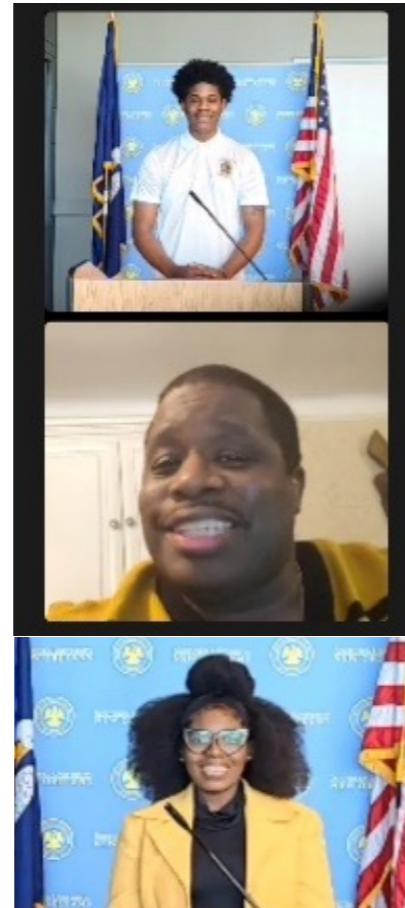


Southern University of New Orleans Educational Talent Search Senior Spotlight

We are excited and proud to announce that the Class of 2022 from our Educational Talent Search target school John F Kennedy students are continuously receiving acceptance letters into colleges across the world! Our mission is to see our seniors achieve their dreams and get our scholars ro and through high school and college. This is an amazing accomplishment that will impact their futures. Our students have expressed feelings of relief and accomplishment for their efforts, especially during this unorthodox period in our lives. Our participants have also expressed their thanks to our team for being concerned, encouraging and working with their teachers to make high school life fun! We are proud of their accomplishments in setting goals and living up to their aspirations. **TRIO WORKS!**

Student Affairs

MLK Day Celebration



The Epsilon Upsilon Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. and the SUNO Student Government Association hosted a 2022 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. virtual recognition program.

The Epsilon Upsilon Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. and the SUNO SGA collaborated to host a virtual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. recognition program on Monday, January 17, 2022. The keynote speaker was Reverend Dr. Torin Sanders, Associate Professor of Social Work and a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated. Dr. Sanders offered an in-depth presentation about Dr. King's educational background and his involvement in both civil rights and social justice activism.

Dr. Sanders drew upon central themes such as preparation, opportunity, and dedication to succeed as college students and opportunities for students to become change agents in their respective communities. Junior Class President Mr. Jared Rozark introduced the keynote speaker, and Ms. Amber Foucha, SGA President, provided the opening and closing remarks. Miss SUNO, Ms. Jessica Thomas, sang "Lift Every Voice and Sing," The Black National Anthem. Several students, faculty, staff, and alumni were engaged in this event.

Office of Health Student Services

The Office of Health Services has been quite busy this month as in previous months. We continue to provide COVID-19 testing daily and work with units across campus to achieve this goal. The National Guard continues to administer COVID-19 vaccines and boosters every Wednesday in the University Center.

Participating students are still eligible for the \$100 incentive for taking the shot. We continue to educate and encourage the University family and the surrounding community about being vaccinated. We have also begun partnering with Simple HealthKits Labs to administer COVID-19 testing and results.

Nurse Sheryl Crosby is working with Health Disparities, a grant program educating the surrounding and campus communities on the importance of getting educated on the COVID-19 virus and obtaining vaccinations.

Miss SUNO participates in outreach mentoring with the National Coalition of 100 Black Women-Greater Orleans

Miss SUNO, Ms. Jessica Thomas, was invited to participate in a local event called the "Spending Time with Young Ladies for Excellence (S.T.Y.L.E.)." The program is sponsored by the National Coalition of 100 Black Women-Greater New Orleans (NCBW). The goal was to support personal and career development for more than 30 middle school girls attending Capdeu Elementary School. The focus of the January 21st session was entitled "Black Girls Rock with Positive Imagining."

Other sessions throughout the year will focus on developing life skills, building and strengthening self-esteem, and college information workshops. Miss SUNO., Ms. Jessica Thomas, was present among queens from various colleges and high schools such as Dillard University, Xavier University, Kennedy High School, and Mandeville High School, along with others. The guest speaker was KOA Queen Anita Tilliam, and SUNO provided refreshments. The goal of NCBW is to advocate on behalf of Black women and girls to promote leadership development and gender equity in health, education, and economic development.







**We look
foward to
next month's
updates!**

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