



# CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

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# INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT



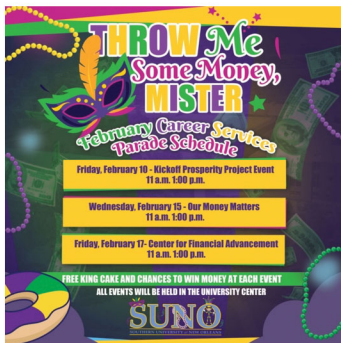
## SUNO SUITED FOR CAREER SERVICES

Career Services hosted Thurgood Marshall College Fund (TMCF) on campus on January 30, 2023, where over 64 students learned about scholarships, Grow with Google Certifications, and how to be a Thurgood Marshall College Fund Yard Ambassador with an opportunity to represent SUNO at the national conference in Fall 2023. The scholar selected will receive an all-expense paid trip and be designated a SUNO Yard Ambassador. The Leadership Institute is a competitive development conference for students who establish themselves as leaders and want to build on their skills.

TMCF continues its mission to prepare the next generation of workforce-ready leaders. They remain committed to ensuring that students are poised for success.



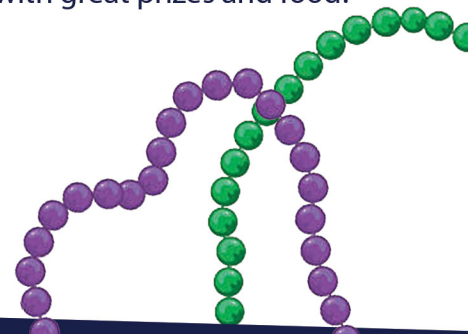
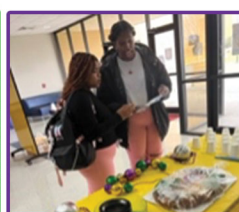
"Fall In Love with the FBI" took place February 15, 2023, in the Social Work Auditorium, where our Chancellor, Dr. James H. Ammons, Jr. provided opening remarks and representatives from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) presented information to a gathering of students and faculty members. Agents showed how students could "fall in love" with the FBI. Over 70 students listened intently about all things FBI - agency background, hiring practices, diverse majors within the agency, summer internships and more. The up close and personal forum allowed students to engage with FBI agents learning and hearing their personal experiences. In addition, breakout sessions allowed students to ask the agents detailed questions.



The Krewe of Career Services held "Throw Me Some Money Mister" parades in February. We hosted all our partners, including The Prosperity Project, Our Money Matters, and the Center for Financial Advancement. Representatives from each entity engaged with students over the three days providing information and educating them on financial planning, budgeting, home buying, saving money, and credit building, to name a few.

These financial tools will allow our students to be aware of their daily decisions and how those will impact their futures.

The Krewe of Career Services could only have a parade with great prizes and food! Students won gift cards and delicious King Cake!





# ACADEMIC AFFAIRS MONTHLY REPORT

## NURSING PROGRAM

Our program received approval from the American Association of Colleges of Nursing on February 8, 2023. AACN drives patient health and safety through the comprehensive credentialing of acute and critical care nurses.

As of February 9, 2023, SUNO's Nursing Program is now a member of the International Nursing Association for Clinical Simulation and Learning. The purposes of INACSL are education, assessment, research, and health system integration in facilitating patient safety.

Dr. Kelly Smith -Chair of Nursing, presented at the Louisiana State Board of Regents at Xavier University of Louisiana on February 16, 2023.

The program is currently in our second admissions cycle. As of Friday, February 10, 2023, we have forty-nine applicants, and thirty-nine have been accepted. Applications are still being reviewed until March 3, 2023.



## DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL SCIENCES

Brookhaven National Laboratory (BNL) is an Upton, New York, research institution. Ms. Rayan Demery and Mr. Delton Richardson were placed in the 2023 Mini-Semester Program at BNL by Dr. Murty S. Kambhampati, Research Mentor and Professor of Biology. Delton and Rayan had the opportunity to complete a mini-semester internship there this winter. The Department of Energy funded the internship, and Ms. Rayan Demery said, "This was an experience of a lifetime. I was introduced to various scientists and learned about their professions and responsibilities at Brookhaven. We toured multiple laboratory facilities on site, such as the National Synchrotron Light Source II (NSLS II), Center for Functional Nanomaterials (CFN), Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider (RHIC), and lastly, the greenhouse. We conducted a research project on what kind of flour makes the best bread for a ketogenic diet. In addition to doing this research, we made ice cream using liquid nitrogen. Overall this internship expanded my knowledge on numerous careers people with a STEM degree can have."



The students research compared macromolecular spectrums of several different types of milk. The objective was to figure out which milk is better suited for people who are lactose intolerant.



## DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

Dr. Donna Pierce Jackson was awarded two certifications: a Clinical Certified Cognitive Behavioral Therapist and Doctoral Addiction Counselor from the National Association of Forensic Counselors, on January 5, 2023.

## MASTER OF ARTS IN MUSEUM STUDIES PROGRAM



On February 9, 2023, Dr. Haitham Eid and Dr. Sara Hollis attended the opening of the Black Orpheus exhibition at the New Orleans Museum of Art. The show is curated by the Museum Studies Program Adjunct Professor Dr. Ezeluomba.



## MILLIE M. CHARLES SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

The faculty and staff of the Millie M. Charles School of Social Work continue work on grant development and the preparation for certificate programs. The School has received a \$100,000 anonymous donation through Dean Chaisson and a \$300,000 grant through Social Work alum Ron McClain, Executive Director of the Institute of Mental Hygiene. Both funding streams will support the Grief and Trauma Center. In addition, the School is preparing to launch an Interprofessional Practice Certificate in Child Welfare (funded by Title IV-E). At the same time, it continues to plan for the Online MSW & BSW programs.

Under the leadership of Dr. Derrick Freeman, ACSW, first-semester MSW graduate students Michelle Ozah and Travis Costanza (pictured below) presented at a national conference sponsored by the Employee Assistance Professionals Association (EAPA) in partnership with the New Orleans Association of Black Social Workers (NOABSW).

The conference theme, *Brain Development and Criminal Behavior: Its Impact on the Judicial System*, required students to focus on these areas. Ozah's and Costanza's presentations addressed brain development, behavioral and cognitive effects of smoking and nicotine use, criminal behavior, prevention, and intervention. Chapter member Monitetra King, SSW alumni, gave the students positive reviews and wrote that "the students were on par with the other experienced speakers and that no one would have guessed that they were students."

The School of Social Work participated in the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) Walk. Pictured, left to right, Professor Claude Montegut, undergraduate SUNO student Jessie Williams, Dean Rebecca Chaisson, and Dr. Holly McKenney, who participated in the fund-raising walk. NAMI supports families, individuals, and communities impacted by Mental Illness. Dr. McKenney and Professor Montegut were involved before and during the pandemic. Student Jessie Williams is featured on NAMI's website as he is on the Board of Directors for NAMI, Louisiana.



## COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Two CoEHD faculty members attended the Research Association of Minority Professors Conference in Houston, Texas:

- Dr. Sherry Bacchus presented on "The Impact of Mental Health in the Classroom and Student Learning Outcomes"
- Dr. Dionne Atley- McCurry (adjunct) presented on "What are the Perceptions of African American Females in Higher Education Leadership Roles Navigating within The Majority and Minority Culture"

The College of Education and Human Development was awarded \$183,000 from the Board of Regents to develop a Dual Enrollment Teacher Certification program.



# DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS & ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT

## COMMUNITY SERVICE/SERVICE LEARNING AND RESOURCES

The University is developing a partnership with Hynes Magnet School which will allow education majors to earn service-learning hours. In addition, we are in the process of finalizing a Health Fair in conjunction with the Nursing Department. Also, the Community Service/Service Learning and Resources Offices are developing plans and establishing relationships for Cybersecurity Service-Learning initiatives.

The University hosted an "Our Money Matters" session with students and participated in recent basketball games promoting financial wellness and health.

The Office of Community Service/Service Learning and Resources are finalizing services for homeless students utilizing START Corp.

## COUNSELING

In January, The Counseling Center Hosted "Wellness Week."

During this week, the University Counselor, Ms. Kimberly Paige, facilitated 10 - minute Mental Wellness Checks for students, faculty, and staff. There was a friendly competition between Athletes, Student Government Association/ Student leaders, and Resident Assistant's to determine who could encourage or influence the most students to receive wellness checks. The student athletes won and over 100 students received Wellness checks as we kicked off the semester.



## UNIVERSITY CENTER AND INTRAMURAL SPORTS

During January 2023, over 20 students engaged in a vision board social. Students had the opportunity to use magazines, newspapers, and books to create a visual chart of goals and achievements they hope to accomplish for the semester or year. Students shared best practices on how they plan to accomplish the items with other students.

In addition, a Late-Night Bowling event was held, which was a major success for the Intramural Sports Department. More than 40 students and staff attended the event. The two hours of fun consisted of bowling, music, and food.

A Super Bowl Watch Party was held and many NFL fans gathered. Students, faculty, and staff had the chance to watch the big game in the University Center.

The University's Esports Team is currently ranked 4th in the Gulf Coast Atlantic Esports League. Our Esports team is examining the opportunity to join the HBCU Esports league in late spring. Esports is finishing logistics with Tougaloo College, Jackson State University & Alcorn State University to launch Southern Collegiate Esports League in March 2023. The four schools will compete in Madden 2k23 and NBA 2k23.

The University has a recreational "Bowling Club" led by Bryce Henburg, a SUNO student who is affiliated with the Brunswick National Team. We are in the process of finalizing upcoming bowling classes and more.

## HEALTH SERVICES

Ochsner/SUNO Health is continuing to evolve as a great addition to our Campus. This semester we have seen an increase in students, faculty, and staff COVID-19 positive tests. Therefore we are recommending that all students, faculty, and staff wear masks and social distance to help decrease the spread of the virus.

Presently, we are working with Louisiana Health Department in providing free COVID-19 testing, as well as, administering COVID-19 vaccinations following Mardi Gras.



**WE LOOK  
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