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Dr. Evelyn Harrell, Dean

CENTER FOR AFRICAN AND AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES (CAAAS)

The Center for African and African American Studies (CAAAS) continues its 2020-2021 Cultural Year Celebrating **AYA-Endurance & Resourcefulness**.

During the summer of 2021, the Center for African and African American Studies (CAAAS) at Southern University at New Orleans (SUNO) and the Capitol Park Museum, located in Baton Rouge, LA, are co-sponsoring the **Traveling While Black Film Series and Dialogue: A Panel Discussion**. CAAAS will begin the series by sponsoring the **Driving While Black Panel Discussion**. This event was held on July 15, 2021. Link to panel: <https://bit.ly/3vDAzau>.

DRIVING WHILE BLACK: RACE, SPACE AND MOBILITY IN AMERICA
 2020 | 1h 55m 23s | TV-PG - Follow the Link to Watch the Film Before the Discussion. Panel Starts at 6:00 PM. Watch it on Facebook Live Online or at Capitol Park Museum in Baton Rouge, LA.
 Support for this event is provided in part by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation

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 Edmond Jordan, Esq. STATE REPRESENTATIVE
 Susan Hutson, Esq. INDEPENDENT POLICE MONITOR

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THIS PROGRAM AND MORE IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE NEGRO MOTORIST GREEN BOOK EXHIBITION AT LOUISIANASTATEMUSEUM.ORG

This multicity effort, utilizing films, lectures, and discussions, will highlight the struggles of African Americans to overcome travel and mobility impediments while pursuing full citizenship.

The panelists were as follows: **Gretchen Sorin**, Writer/Director of *Driving While Black: Race, Space, and Mobility in America*; filmmaker **Rick Burns**, Director and Producer of *Driving While Black: Race, Space, and Mobility in America*; **Louisiana State Representative-District E, the Honorable Edmond Jordan**; finally, **Susan Hutson**, Former Independent

Police Monitor for the City of New Orleans. This event was hosted by **Angela Allen-Bell, Esq.**, renowned Social Justice Advocate and Legal Scholar.

Dr. Clyde Robertson has been awarded the following grants:

1. Ochsner Foundation Award: Collaboration with Dr. Eid, Director of Museum Studies: *Authentic Voices: African American Reflections of COVID19- Stories of Sickness, Loss, and Triumph in New Orleans*.
2. 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. State of Louisiana-Louisiana Division of Historic Preservation Grant: *Pontchartrain Park Pioneers Oral History Project*.

Museum and Archive Buildout

Ms. Linda Hill, Curator/Archivist for CAAAS, serves on the organizing committee for the SUNO Museum (SUNOMA). In addition, she contributed to the interior buildout of the SUNO/CAAAS Archive located in the new Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences Building (AHSS) at Southern University at New Orleans. While building out the Archive, Ms. Hill collaborated with the Project Facilities Manager, **Mrs. Tracey Webster**. Ms. Hill helped fulfill a design protocol which includes a floor plan, furniture and equipment (such as computers, printers, and scanners), as well as preparation for products and supplies. In addition, an upgraded computer system will provide storage accommodations, software with associated workshops, and scanning techniques that yield state of the art archive reception and maintenance.

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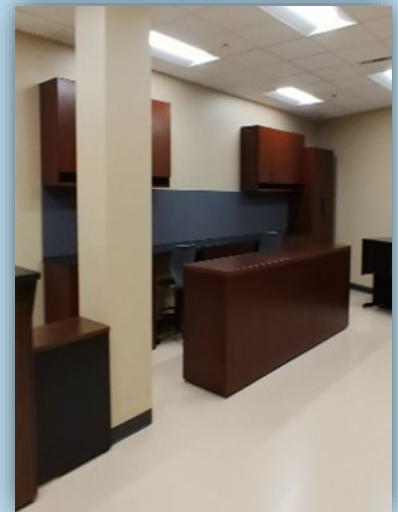
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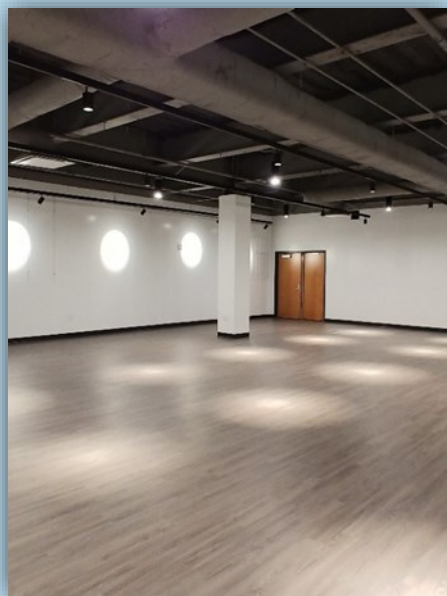
Reception Area



Research Areas



SUNOMA (Southern University at New Orleans Museum of Art)



Gallery Area



Mobile Storage System

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HEALTH INFORMATION SYSTEMS

On June 22nd, **Mrs. Sharon McGee** volunteered as a Community Educator with the Alzheimer's Association. She delivered a presentation titled Dementia Conversations which focused on specific topics family members frequently have difficulty discussing with loved ones experiencing signs of dementia or mild cognitive disorders.

On June 30th, **Mr. John Barrilleaux** and **Mrs. Sharon McGee** attended the CAHIIM Townhall presented by the HIMS accrediting body. The presentation was titled CAHIIM Townhall: Optimizing APAR Data Collection and Reporting. APAR is the annual reporting tool used by all HIMS programs that are accredited by CAHIIM.

July 15th-16th, **Mr. John Barrilleaux** participated in the American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA) Component State association (CSA) leadership meeting. John Barrilleaux is the current president of the Louisiana Health Information Management Association (LHIMA) and represented the association at this meeting. This meeting would usually take place in Chicago, IL, but was held virtually this year. The meeting focused on the implementation of the AHIMA strategic plan innovation in our association. It was titled Leadership Resilience: Evolving with Purpose.

On July 20th, **Mr. John Barrilleaux** presented to the LHIMA board for the 2021-2022 strategic planning meeting. With direction from the national association, the meeting focused on Leadership Resilience: Evolving with Purpose. This planning meeting sets the direction for the year for activities for the association. This includes planning the association for the Spring 2022 in Baton Rouge, LA.

The Journal of AHIMA published an article in the July/August issue written by **Mr. John Barrilleaux**, Interim Program Director for SUNO. The article is titled Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Coding. The article addresses the areas of coding for IRF facilities that are unique to this level of care. The article has had a positive response from the IRF HIM community and will remain a resource for those HIM professionals in the IRF setting.

On July 21st, **Mr. John Barrilleaux** met with the AHIMA House of Delegates for a training session for the coming year. As president of the LHIMA, **Professor Barrilleaux** will represent Louisiana HIM professional in this important industry governing body.

On July 26th-27th, **Mr. John Barrilleaux** and **Mrs. Sharon McGee** attended the AHIMA Assembly on Education (AOE) annual Symposium held virtually. This is AHIMA's annual symposium on education which focuses on health information trends and innovative approaches to education.

On July 29th **Mr. John Barrilleaux** and **Mrs. Sharon McGee** attended the CAHIIM Town Hall presented by the HIMS accrediting body. The presentation was titled CAHIIM Townhall: Teaching with Technology by **Karen Lankisch**.

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL SCIENCES

Dr. Murty Kambhampati

1. Successfully completed a four-week long Ed-Training.
2. Along with Dr. Joe Omojola, submitted a Minority Science and Engineering Improvement Program (MSEIP) grant proposal to the US Department of Education.
3. Served as Chair of the SUNO-BSN Program Founding Chair Advisory Committee.
4. Submitted the 2021-2022 Master Articulation Matrix edits to the LA BoR.
5. Served as Biology/Chemistry Instructor for the 2021 Robert Noyce Summer Training and Enrichment Program (STEP) for 10-11 grade students.

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*(Continued)***Dr. Tchavdar Marinov**

Published the following paper:

T. T. Marinov, R. S. Marinova, An Inverse Problem Solution for Thermal Conductivity Reconstruction, WSEAS Transactions on Systems, vol. 20:187-195, July 2021, DOI: 10.37394/23202.2021.20.21

Dr. Mostafa Elaasar

Coauthored the following paper:

"Measurement of the beam-normal single-spin asymmetry for elastic electron scattering from ^{12}C and ^{27}Al ", PHYSICAL REVIEW C 104, 014606 (2021).

Attended Together New Orleans meeting on July 13th at Dillard University New Orleans. See picture below:



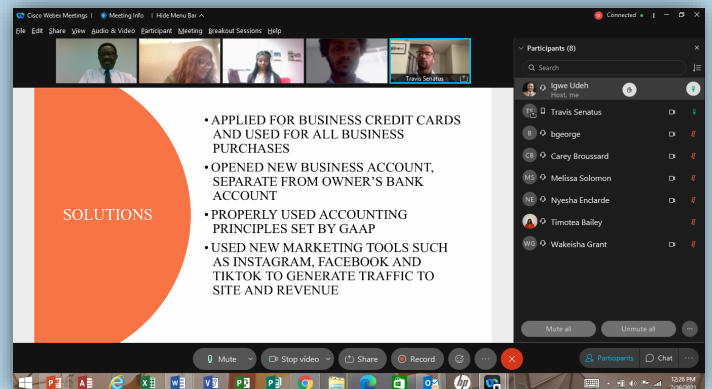
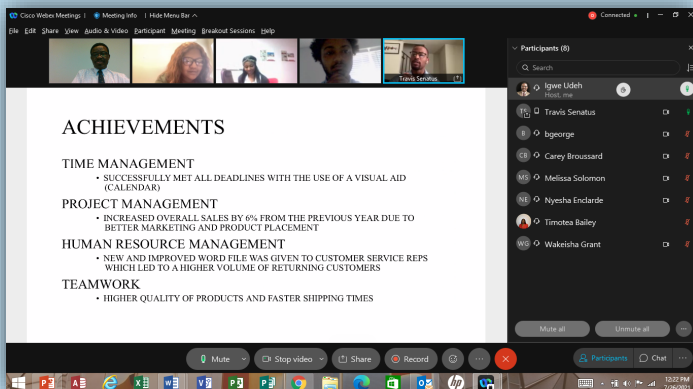
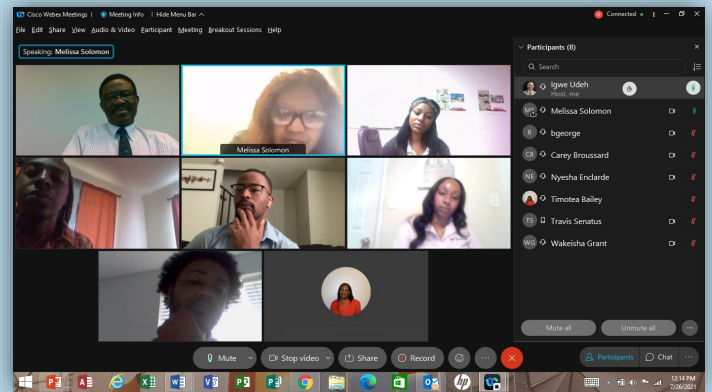
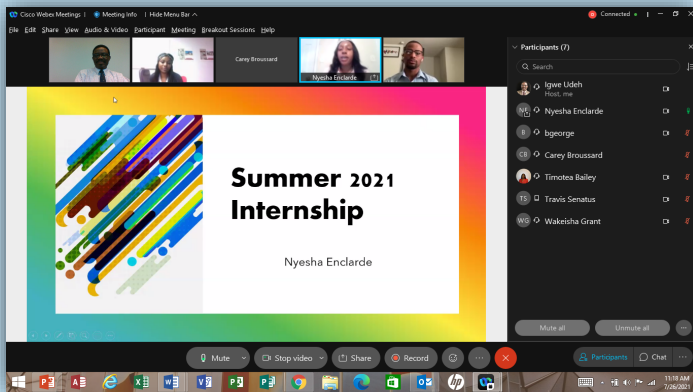
COLLEGE OF BUSINESS & PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Dr. Igwe Udeh, Dean

Academic Excellence Initiatives

Business Majors Complete Summer Internships

Six business majors completed an internship for credit course (BADM 470) in five business organizations in the Metro New Orleans Area during the 2021 Summer session. The participating students were Melissa Scott and Nyeshia Enclarde (Entergy Louisiana Inc.); Travis Senatus (Avery Lucille, LLC); Brandy George (Verius Property, Inc.); Wakeisha Grant (Entergy Services, LLC); and Carey Broussard (Bercy Enterprises). The eight-week assignment, facilitated by Dr. Igwe Udeh, was an opportunity for the students to practice what they had been taught in their business courses; to acquire the most up-to-date practices in their discipline; and to try out for potential employment opportunities upon graduation. Some of the internships were for pay while others were unpaid. Students were required to submit periodic reports on their experience or designated topics during their internship. At the onset of the internship each site supervisor received information on expectations from their organization and for their interns. At the end of the assignment, each supervisor submitted a comprehensive report about the performance of their interns as well as areas of strength and improvement. The supervisor reports indicated that they were very pleased with the knowledge, work ethic, and confidence level of our students. The students presented a comprehensive written and oral report about their internship experience to their instructor and classmates on Monday, July 26, 2021. The managers of Verius Property were so pleased with their intern that they were present during her presentation and offered glowing testimonials about their intern. The overall report of the students indicated that the internship experience was helpful to their career advancement, learning improvement, and networking opportunities.

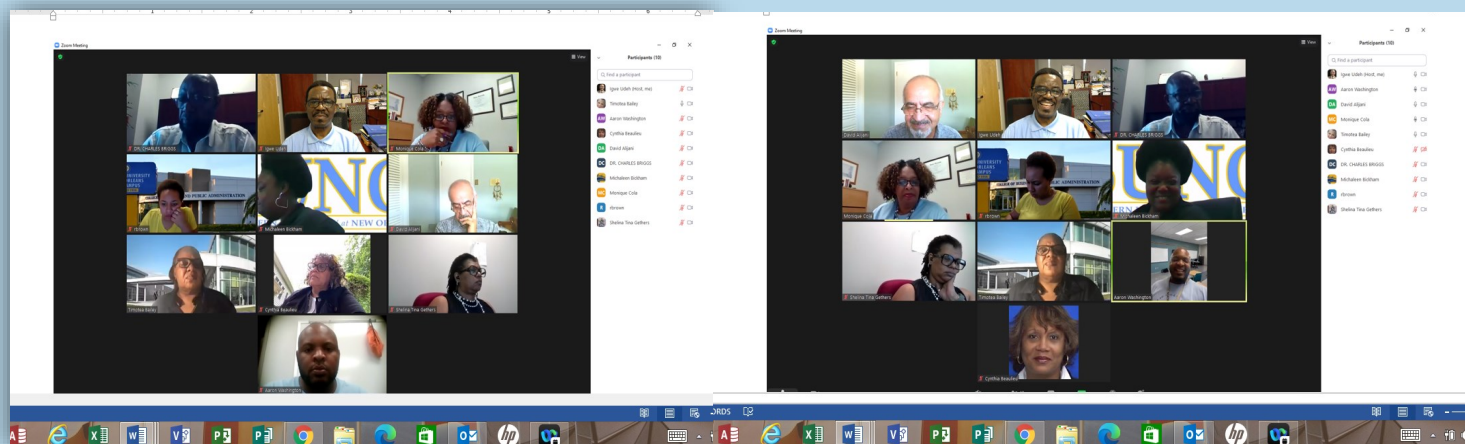


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College of Business Reaches Out to New Orleans Charter Science & Mathematics High School

The faculty and staff of the College of Business & Public Administration (CBA) reached out to Dr. Monique Cola, Head of School, New Orleans Charter Science & Mathematics High School (NOCSMHS) to explore the possibility of developing dual enrollment courses in business and information technology. Also in attendance was Mr. Aaron Washington, the Entrepreneurship course instructor at NOCSMHS. This was considered an excellent opportunity because NOCSMHS curriculum has a college-readiness posture and many of their students already participate in dual enrollment courses in math and science disciplines. Additionally, some of the NOCSMHS students are interested in starting and operating businesses to profit from their future inventions. The initial virtual meeting took place on July 1, 2021. The two sides reviewed specific courses offered by each to seek common grounds. Two potential courses were identified: Introduction to Business Entrepreneurship (BADM/ENTR 101) and Computer Productivity Application I and II (CISP 164/166). Both sides have been reviewing the syllabi for these courses for where gaps may exist. The CBA brought in Ms. Michaleen Bickham, the Coordinator of Dual Enrollment programs at SUNO to provide guidance on a way forward. We hope to offer a dual enrollment course in business entrepreneurship to NOCSMHS students during the 2021-2022 academic year.



Research Papers Acceptance for Publication:

Shilpa Taneja, Liaqat Ali, M. Kabir Hassan, Yun Doo Lee, "Three Decades of Research on the Demand and Supply Side Perspectives of Digital Technologies in Banking: A Review & Research Agenda", accepted for publication in the International Journal of Agile Systems and Management, July 11, 2021.

Professional Meeting Attendance

Dr. Igwe E. Udeh attended the virtual Initial Accreditation Committee (IAC) meeting of AACSB International on July 20, 2021. Dr. Udeh is in his first of three year term appointment as a member of the IAC. The IAC oversees the acceptance of eligibility applications, approves the initial Self-Evaluation Report (iSER), guides institutions in the implementation of the plans and oversees processes for initial business accreditation. The ultimate responsibility of the Committee is to ensure consistency of accreditation standards application and equity of recommendations across teams and across programs reviewed.

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SBDMI Workshops/Seminars/Trainings/Meetings (July 2021)

Mrs. Cynthia Beaulieu, Director, Small Business Development & Management Institute, reported the following activities and achievements during July 2021:

- Worked on SBA Community Navigator Pilot Grant.
- Live Broad Cast of WBOK Radio Program; Show broadcast remotely; July, 8,15,22, and 29, 2021; "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 broadcast every Thursday 12:30 to 1:00 pm on WBOK AM Radio; Ms. Cynthia Beaulieu, Director, Host.
- Virtual NAACP Wealth Building Seminar, SBDMI Weekly Every Friday, Co-Host; July 2,9,16,23, & 30, 2021; Presented on Entrepreneurship as a wealth-building tool for minorities; Ms. Cynthia Beaulieu, Director.
- HBCU-CDAC Virtual Meeting; July 12, 2021; Discuss SUNO-SBDMI participation in the Wells Fargo Our Many Matters \$5 ½ M Grant with the CDAC; Ms. Temple Jackson & Ms. Cynthia Beaulieu.
- Three Day Strategic Think Tank SUS Small Business Centers Collaboration Meeting; July 21-23, 2021; Ms. Ada Womack Bell, Director and three staff from Southern University, Baton Rouge, Mr. Darrin Dixon, Director and two staff from Southern University at Shreveport. Cynthia Beaulieu, Director, Southern University at New Orleans. Logistics and system goals on forming a collaboration on how to work goals and objectives of all three centers to work more as a unit on System Usage/Goals and to develop an Action Plan to work on a collaborative Small Business Center System Unit.



- Virtual Meeting Deep South Economic Mobility Initiative Collaborative; July 27, 2021; The SBDMI partnered with HOPE Credit Union and Goldman Sachs in this collaborative, of Southern HBCU's in cities with Black Mayors. This initiative will stabilize and strengthen businesses in these HBCU communities; Ms. Kathy Saloy, Senior Vice President, Mr. Mark Boucree, Senior Loan Officer, Ms. Phoebe Brown, and Ms. Cynthia Beaulieu.
- SBA Virtual Fridays; July 30, 2021; SBA, Ms. Valarie Brumfield; Information on status of current and new funding with SBA; Ms. Cynthia Beaulieu & SBDMI Clients.
- Tour of Small Business Incubator for future tenants; July 2021; several Incubator tours and what we have to offer potential tenants; Ms. Mary Thomas, Mary & Company, & Ms. Cynthia Beaulieu, Director. Incubator now has 11 Tenants in the Incubator.

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- Meeting to Develop SBDMI/Incubator's upcoming Seminars/Workshops; Ongoing; Ms. Cynthia Beaulieu, Director.
- Small and Emerging Business Development (SEBD); (Ongoing); 2 Assessments; Ms. Cynthia Beaulieu, Director, Mr. Omar Aziz, Contractor
- SEBD One-on-One; (1); Call-in Clients; Ms. Cynthia Beaulieu, Director, Consultant, Mr. Omar Aziz
- Counseled; Incubator Clients; Mr. Omar Aziz and Ms. Cynthia Beaulieu, Director

Office of Student Services and DXC Team (July 2021 Report)

Mrs. Timotea Bailey, Director, CBA Office of Student Services and Recruitment Manager, DXC Partnership, reported the following activities and achievements during July 2021:

- Intense follow-up of Fall 2020 cohort to register for Fall 2021
- Contacted students on probation and suspension to offer academic recovery options
- CBA leadership team and SUNO Dual Enrollment Coordinator, met with New Orleans Science & Math High School Principal and Small Business Entrepreneur teacher to discuss development of a Business dual enrollment course for high schoolers
- Contacted Office of Admissions leaders to inform of DXC Scholarship available to incoming New Freshmen and Transfer students
- Participated in SUNO Orientation activities
- Emailed all CBA students registered for Spring 2021 to inform them of DXC Scholarship opportunity
- Attended inaugural LA2BSET Initiative Team Meeting and subsequent strategy meeting
- CBAOSSDXC participated in arena Fall advisement and registration
- Contacted admitted students who have not registered for classes to encourage registration
- Sent DXC Scholarship applications to all CBA newly admitted students to encourage their application
- Continuously reviewing student resumes for employment opportunities
- Planning with Abbvie Pharmaceutical Company do discuss recruitment initiatives for SUS System
- Met with Keishelle Jones, SUNO alum and Executive Assistant to Jefferson Parish President, to discuss internship opportunities with Jefferson parish
- CBA leadership met with Chancellor and Cabinet to discuss enrollment and retention goals for CBA
- Attend weekly SUS DXC Team meetings
- Attend bi-weekly LED-DXC Project Team meetings



COLLEGE OF EDUCATION & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Dr. Willie Jones III, Dean

Marketing/Recruitment:

On July 27, 2021, Dr. Sherry Bachus contacted and sent email to students listed on Excel Spreadsheet for CDFS students in category "Accepted Admission." She is continuing to reach out by email correspondence to students listed in the categories "Not Committed," and No Decision."

Registration:

On July 8th and 22nd, in the Millie M. Charles School of Social Work, Dr. Bachus (pictured right) participated in the University in-person registration day. She represented the College of Education and Human Development and registered students in the Child Development and Family Studies, Educational Studies, and Alternative Certification Programs.

Throughout the months of May, June, and July, Dr. Bachus conducted electronic advisement and registration for students in the College of Education and Human Development. She advised and registered students remotely who were freshmen, transfers, and returning students. She contacted CDFS Students with poor performance who were inactive in class, CDFS 322 N Abuse in Families and forwarded a report to the College Retention Coordinator about the same. Dr. Bachus prepared the final exam for her class, processed final grades, and submitted her Grade Distribution Form to the Registrar's Office.



Faculty Senate Virtual Meetings:

Dr. Bachus attended the Webex Faculty Senate Meeting and served on the Executive Senator Cabinet meetings. She served as the Treasurer and the Senator-at-Large for the College of Education and Human Development.

Professional Development Activities:

On July 20th, Dr. Bachus attended a webinar on "Race & Education, HBCUs in the Wake of COVID-19".

Curriculum Development and Updates:

Dr. Bachus continues to work on the proposal development for a Proposed New Online Degree Program, Master of Science (MS) for a Masters in Child Development. She plans to develop a Letter of Intent (LOI) to the Louisiana Board of Regents (LA BoR) for a brand-new Masters of Science in Child Development degree program.

July 28th, by Cisco Webex, Dr. Bachus participated in the Emergency University Curriculum Committee Proposal Reviews for Criminal Justice, HIMS, and served as secretary.

MILLIE M. CHARLES SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

Dr. Rebecca Chaisson, Dean

Reaccreditation News

The most exciting news for this month is reaccreditation of the BSW and MSW programs in the School of Social Work. The Millie M. Charles School has been awarded accreditation by the Council on Social Work Education for the next 8 years (until 2028). The School of Social Work founded and named for Millie M. Charles, houses both the BSW and MSW programs which are both accredited. The Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) defines accreditation standards and establishes competency standards for social work education in the U.S.

Dean, Rebecca Chaisson is pleased with Team Social Work for the hard work conducted during this challenging time, especially during the pandemic. The internship team spent countless hours assigning placements of students in internship sites. All members of the faculty and staff made critical contributions for this recognition outcome. Drs. Julianna Padgett and Damekia Morgan helped the School get to the finish line for the self-study process. Dean Chaisson also acknowledges the contributions made by students, internship supervisors, and alumni who participated in the self-study. We are proud of the official recognition as it represents the commitment of the faculty and staff to continuous improvement in our School of Social Work at Southern University at New Orleans. We will continue in our quest for excellence in social work education as we move forward with new challenges in programs of studies. The current context of our lives calls in the U.S. and beyond, mandates that social workers be more actively engaged for the betterment of our families and our communities.

The School continues to plan for enhancing the education of our students. Some of the highlights this month speak to the on-going commitment of our faculty, students, and alumni.

Dr. Derrick Freeman & Monique Robinson, LMSW (MSW '2019)



Dr. Derrick Freeman (PI, Social Work HEALS Scholars program) and our very own, Monique Robinson, LMSW (MSW '2019), Chief Program Officer with Reconcile New Orleans, Inc. (Café Reconcile), met during the month in review. Monique is a licensed social worker with more than 20 years of experience in workforce development including direct services and program management. She has expertise in youth development, workforce development, reentry, and career pathways with an explicit focus on equity, Opportunity Youth (OY), and



individuals impacted by the criminal justice system. Opportunity Youth represents the category of young people between the ages of 16 to 24 years old who are disconnected from school and work.

As part of the strategy to reduce the number of Opportunity Youth (OY) in New Orleans, a pilot project was launched this summer (2021) by Reconcile New Orleans, Inc. called the Reengagement Center with the goal to reduce post-secondary disconnection. The Reengagement Center focuses on connecting young people ages 16-24 to post-secondary education opportunities, including college, occupational skills training, and military - leading to viable career pathways and focusing exclusively on the needs of OY to reduce disconnection and support reconnection.

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Social Work HEALS (Health Education and Leadership Scholars) Scholars program is a healthcare social work scholarship and leadership program here at SUNO for BSW or MSW students during field placement. Our School was among 10 Schools of Social Work that were awarded a six and half-year grant from the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) and the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) Foundation to implement this program (PI, Dr. Derrick Freeman). Together, the 10 Schools of Social Work forms the HEALS Consortium. The national Social Work HEALS program aims to develop the next generation of healthcare social work leaders who can lead efforts to improve quality and equitable access to healthcare in the U.S.

The Millie M. Charles School of Social Work HEALS Scholars program and the Reengagement Center agreed to collaborate with many upcoming community activities during the 2021 – 2022 academic year. Dr. Freeman, the 2021 – 2022 Social Work HEALS Scholars, Ms. Robinson, and the Reengagement Center's staff will address barriers to education, healthcare, and many other challenges that the youth in the City of New Orleans face ongoing.

National Institutes of Health Awarded the Millie M. Charles School of Social Work \$100,100.00 Grant



Dr. Derrick Freeman (PI), Dean Rebecca Chaisson (Co-PI), and Ms. Camille Alexander, MSW (AoU Engagement Assistant)

The National Institutes of Health *All of Us* Research Program is a historic effort to gather data from one million or more people living in the United States to accelerate research. *All of Us* is part of a new era in which researchers, health care providers, technology experts, community partners, and the public work together to develop individualized health care.

The *All of Us* Research Program is inviting one million people across the U.S. to help build one of the most diverse health databases in history. *All of Us* Research Program welcome participants from all backgrounds. Researchers will use the data to learn how our biology, lifestyle, and environment affect health. This may one day help them find ways to treat and prevent disease.

The Millie M. Charles School of Social Work (MMCSSW) will develop innovative approaches to educate communities, support enduring relationships with program participants, raise the public's awareness of the *AoU* Research Program, and support outreach efforts to build lasting relationships within BIPOC communities.

Dr. Derrick Freeman (PI), Dean Rebecca Chaisson (Co-PI), Ms. Camille Alexander, MSW (*AoU* Engagement Assistant), and five Graduate Assistants will work closely during the 2021–2021 academic school year to meet the grant requirements. MMCSSW will use the new funding to sustain the robust partner network it has established through the Community and Provider Gateway Initiative (CPGI). CPGI partners comprise a broad range of institutions, multicultural organizations, and health care provider associations that support the *All of Us* mission by leading grassroots engagement activities across the country.

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Monique Hurst, MSW, LMSW Coordinator Title IV-E

The Federal Government provides funding to seven (7) universities in Louisiana through Title IV-E of the Social Security Act specifically for preparing and training child welfare professionals. This is in collaboration with the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) and the Louisiana University Workforce Alliance to provide stipends for scholars who wish to have a career in child welfare.

Three Bachelor Social Work (BSW) Scholars were selected based on a screening and application process that requires good academic standing, 2.5 GPA, a written essay and 2 structured panel interviews that requires a passing score of 85 – 100 points. These scholars are Chelsey Flesch, LeShaundra Nelson and Alesia Ridley.

Three Master Social Work (MSW) Scholars were selected as Educational Support Scholars. These individuals are currently employed with the La. Dept. of Children and Family Services and are currently continuing their education and potential advancement in the Child Welfare Profession. Scholars are required to be in good academic standing with a 3.0 GPA and 2 years of excellent job performance within the department. An added bonus for these scholars is that they have also been awarded educational leave to continue to training on the job in other units in Child Welfare. These scholars are Keechann Smith, Melinda Miller and Kaylan Rosette.

Dr. Holly McKenney & The Sweetest Therapy

The Millie M. Charles School of Social Work sponsored a book signing for Chase Cassine'17 on June 26, in the School of Social Work auditorium. Chase provided samples of sweets from his famous recipes. Dr. McKenney tracked the social media craze over the books which much attention for the topic. Pictured below from left to right, Dean, Rebecca Chaisson, Chase, and Dr. Holly McKenney who presented flowers to honor his accomplishment. The book traces his journey through grief during the stages of his mother's illness. Chase's Grandmother, former teachers, and school social workers attended the event with more than one hundred supporters.



THE CENTER FOR GRIEF & TRAUMA THERAPY

Starting this Fall, The Millie M. Charles School of Social Work will open the doors of the Center for Grief & Trauma Therapy. Located on the campus of Southern University at New Orleans, the Center addresses the dire need for high-quality, culturally competent, therapeutic services in our community as a result of community and domestic violence, and the multitude of losses many people have suffered as a result of Katrina and Covid-19.

The Center is generously funded by the Edward Wisner Foundation and will be under the direction of Dr. Torin T. Sanders, LCSW, Associate Professor of Social Work. Dr. Sanders is an experienced grief and trauma therapist, a member of the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies, and the former co-chair of the New Orleans Childhood Trauma Task Force. The school of social work is led by Dean Rebecca Chaisson, Ph.D.

The Center will provide services to children and adults on an individual, group, and family basis. Sessions will be held on-campus and virtually. Licensed clinical social workers will be working with graduate students in social work to train them to become effective grief and trauma practitioners. Additionally, the Center will also provide community education on the topics of grief and trauma throughout the school year.

If you know of someone who needs help dealing with grief and/or trauma, please contact the Center at 504-286-5076 or via email at TGCenter@suno.edu. All services are free and confidential.

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*(Continued)***Patrice Sentino, Ph.D.**

Dr. Patrice Sentino (Assistant Professor of Social Work) has been named the **Coordinator of the SUNO Title IX program and the Services for Students with Disabilities Program.**

- The Title IX program is dedicated to ensuring gender equity at Southern University at New Orleans, which includes coordinating the University's efforts to prevent and effectively respond to all forms of sex discrimination (including gender identity discrimination) and sexual misconduct impacting community members, including sexual assault, sexual exploitation, sexual harassment, dating, domestic violence, and stalking. This work is done in compliance with applicable law, including Title IX, the Clery Act, and the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013, all of which are coordinated by Dr. Sentino.
- The Services for Students with Disabilities program addresses the needs of a diverse population and provides special assistance, accommodations, and appropriate services/programs to ensure accessibility and to meet the needs of individuals with documented disabilities. The program's primary purpose is to instill a sense of self-advocacy in students with disabilities and provide auxiliary aids to ensure full participation in all university activities and programs.

Dr. Patrice Sentino (Assistant Professor of Social Work) has been appointed to the League of Women Voters of Louisiana Board of Directors. The League of Women Voters of Louisiana is a nonpartisan political organization that encourages informed and active government participation. It influences public policy through education and advocacy. Dr. Sentino will serve on the LWVLA Board of Directors for two consecutive years.

