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SUNO IN THE NEWS

INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT

SUNO ANNOUNCES OFFICIAL ACADEMIC PARTNERSHIP WITH DELGADO COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Southern University at New Orleans (SUNO) and Delgado Community College have signed an agreement for an official academic partnership.

At the completion of the associate degree, Delgado graduates will receive guaranteed admission into SUNO at the classification of junior.

The degrees included are the Associate of Arts, Associate of Applied Science, Associate of General Studies, and Associate of Science. These degrees provide a clear pathway of general education and transfer courses, and they represent strong preparation for upper-division coursework in a range of majors.

"This partnership is significant for our University, as we have committed to providing a seamless transition for students looking to further their education and access a 4-year degree. We look forward to welcoming Delgado graduates on our campus and supporting them through their academic and personal endeavors," Dr. James H. Ammons, Jr, SUNO Executive Vice President- Chancellor, said.

SUNO will provide priority housing, out-of-state tuition waivers, and transfer scholarships to eligible Delgado graduates.

Delgado Community College Chancellor Dr. Larissa Littleton Steib and Dr. James H. Ammons, Jr. met Tuesday to sign the official agreement.

"This agreement is great news for our students," said Dr. Larissa Littleton Steib, Chancellor of Delgado Community College. "It enhances Delgado students' ability to make steady, consistent, timely and efficient progress toward a bachelor's degree. Advancing from Delgado's associate degree programs to SUNO's baccalaureate programs will give these students the best possible education to succeed in a broad range of career paths that include some of the region's largest economic drivers."



SUNO ANNOUNCED PLANS FOR ITS \$3M GRANT TO IMPROVE INTERNET ACCESS IN NEW ORLEANS.

Southern University at New Orleans (SUNO) will use part of its \$3M broadband grant to provide internet access to the city of New Orleans during natural disasters and internet outages, and year-round for residents in its surrounding area.

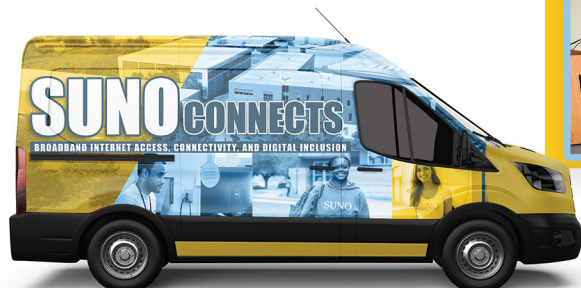
Through this grant, the SUNOConnects program will install WiFi towers on its campus and send enhanced signals to residents within a 15-mile radius. The University will also pilot a mobile hotspot unit to deliver broadband internet access to the digitally disadvantaged, provide internet to students interested in dual enrollment, and provide education and outreach to schools, community centers, and churches to improve broadband and internet literacy.

"The COVID-19 pandemic highlighted the importance of digital connectivity. As New Orleans is ranked one of the worst-connected cities in America, we understand the critical role our University will play in bridging the digital divide and ensuring equitable access in our campus community and within the city of New Orleans," James H. Ammons, Jr, Southern University System Executive Vice President & SUNO Chancellor, said.

As SUNO expands its broadband capacity, additional job opportunities will be available at the University, as well as training for faculty, staff, students, and New Orleans residents.

The grant was issued by the Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications and Information Administration's (NTIA) Connecting Minority Communities Pilot Program (CMC).

The Connecting Minority Communities Pilot Program is a \$268 million grant program awarded to Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCUs), and Minority-Serving Institutions (MSIs).



SUNO SUITED FOR CAREER SERVICES

The Career Services staff attended the HBCU Legacy Bowl Career Fair held in the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center in February.

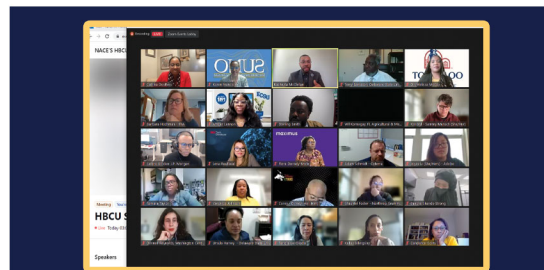
SUNO student Kirshon Williams volunteered with Corporate Internship, where she serves as a fellow.

HBCU students from around the state gathered to learn about internships and career opportunities from over 70 employers, and the SUNO staff met with representatives from many organizations, including Enterprise Holdings, the United States Department of Justice, the Coca-Cola bottling company, the Seattle Seahawks, and Food & Drug Administration.

In addition, several panel discussions were held to provide information to students on career prep and money management.

Career Expo-Audubon Tea Room

Career Services participated in the New Orleans Collegiate Career Expo held Friday, March 10th, in the Audubon Tea Room. There were over 60 employers on hand to discuss career and internship opportunities with students.



Director's Speaking Engagements

Karen Francis, Director of Career Services, was chosen as one of the speakers for the NACE HBCU Summit held in March. NACE's HBCU Summit brings together leaders from HBCU's talent acquisition to share employer relations, recruiting strategies, and insights that lead to robust, sustainable, and scalable partnerships among HBCUs and employer organizations committed to diversity.

This event reveals practices that establish networks to benefit employers, HBCU career centers, and the students they serve.

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All of Us – Research Program Webinar: Critical Race Theory: Race, Equity, Education, and Health.

In February, students in the "All of Us" program hosted and produced a webinar featuring researchers and scholars from Xavier University, Seven Star Academy, East Florida State College, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Morgan State University, the National Association of Black Social Workers, and SUNO.

Dr. Ben Robertson participated on the panel, which discussed race and equity in education, housing, and health care. Approximately 180 students and professionals participated in this first webinar sponsored by the group.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

SUNO Master of Social Work Research III Students' to be Featured in the Winter Issue of the "All of Us Researcher Academy Connections" Newsletter.

Ashley Shropshire and D'Aja Martin will be featured in the winter issue of the "All of Us Researcher Academy Connections" newsletter.

Ashley and D'Aja's research examined depression among African American midlife women, stress, substance use, and its connection with the "Strong Black Woman" stereotype.

Special thanks to Dr. Derrick Freeman, the "All of Us Research Champion" in the School of Social Work (SSW), who nominated their work.

Jarred Receives 2023 Leaders of Color Louisiana Fellowship

Mr. Jarred Jupiter, a 2017 BA-Public Administration graduate from the SUNO College of Business & Public Administration, was among twenty-six people named a 2023 Leaders of Color Louisiana Fellow.

Leaders of Color Louisiana is an organization focused on identifying, training, and elevating Black and Latino leaders across the state.

Fellows learn how to advocate for better classroom opportunities and resources.



While at SUNO, Jarred was an Honore' Scholar and now teaches at Kipp Believe Primary School in New Orleans.

Mr. Jupiter is also a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., the National Black MBA Association, Inc., and the Student Government Association. He has served on several local boards, including the New Orleans Council on Aging, Home by Hand, Inc., and ARISE Schools. Jarred is pursuing a master's degree at the University of New Orleans and actively mentors SUNO College of Business students.

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COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

Community Healers Collaborative – sponsored by the Institute of Mental Hygiene

The Center for Grief & Trauma Therapy, led by Dr. Torin T. Sanders, LCSW, Associate Professor of Social Work, received a grant from the Institute of Mental Hygiene (IMH) to begin the “Community Healers Collaborative.” Housed at the Millie M. Charles School of Social Work, the Community Healers Collaborative will be a part of the Center’s work, extending its mission to allow for training on grief and trauma to lay members of the New Orleans community (coaches, pastors, parents, etc.) as they often are “immediate responders” to those undergoing life’s most difficult challenges. This grant will fund the development of a certificate program in Grief & Trauma Therapy for mental health professionals in the Greater New Orleans area, improving the capacity of the local workforce.

AWARDS

Patrice Sentino, DSW, LCSW

Dr. Sentino was selected as a 2022 City Business Care Hero honoree! The Health Care Heroes program honors 50 healthcare professionals in the New Orleans area in six categories: animal care, first responder, nurse, physician, professional, and volunteer. Honorees are selected based on industry and community involvement and achievement that have set the pace for the overall community. Honorees were celebrated at an in-person event on Monday, October 24, at the New Orleans Museum of Art.

GRANTS AND RESEARCH

Under the leadership of Dr. Tonya Rose, the College of Education and Human Development was awarded \$183,000 from the Board of Regents to develop a Dual Enrollment Teacher Certification program. The College was also awarded \$79,000 from the Board of Regents to develop a Postsecondary Inclusion Program. The “Exceptional Knights Program” will be designed for postsecondary students with intellectual disabilities to continue academic, career, technical, and independent living instruction to prepare for employment.



DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS & ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT

COUNSELING

We are proud to announce that we have opened SUNO's first Counseling Center. The center is accredited by The Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) and is led by Ms. Kimberly Paige, MRC, LPC, LRC(S), CRC, and CESP.

SUNO is enhancing mental health services for all students by partnering with Togetherall and offering 24-hour care to our students. Students can access free virtual peer-to-peer mental health and well-being support through the platform.

The Counseling Center partnered with the Division of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management in February 2023 to host "LOST in LOVE!"

This event centered on love and healthy relationships. Students heard from a panel of community members and University staff.



THE OCHSNER/SUNO HEALTH CLINIC

The Ochsner/SUNO Health Clinic has serviced more than 90 students this semester and continues to host informational sessions for the campus community.

The clinic recommends that students, faculty, and staff wear face masks to help prevent the spread of any respiratory illness.

SERVICE LEARNING & COMMUNITY RESOURCES

SUNO students completed service learning hours this month with the All-Star Animal Clinic, Langston Hughes Academy, University Medical Center of New Orleans, New Orleans College Prep, and the St. Charles Parish Soccer League.

UPWARD BOUND

Saints and Pelicans STEM Fest: The TRIO Program's Upward Bound Math & Science and Educational Opportunity Centers participated in the Saints & Pelicans STEM Fest. Students engaged in hands-on virtual reality, robotics, video game coding, biology, and other activities. Participants also learned about STEM careers and attended a college signing event for six local high school seniors pursuing a STEM degree. The event allowed the students to connect their love of sports to STEM.



TRIO Day at the Pelicans: The SUNO TRIO Upward Bound Math & Science Program participated in TRIO Day at the Pelicans.

TRIO Day is a celebration and reflection around increased access to higher education for disadvantaged students. Over 1,000 students attended the event organized by Dr. Shrylin Davis, Director of Southern University at New Orleans TRIO Programs UBMS and EOC Horizon/Orleans, and Mr. Donta Mills, Associate Director of Baton Rouge Community College Upward Bound II.

Scholars attended a panel discussion moderated by Ms. Erica Kelly Spencer, Deputy Chief of Staff at the Louisiana Department of Education.

ART Display at SUNOMA:

McDonogh 35 High School art students displayed in the Southern University at New Orleans Museum of Art "Fresh Eyes: The Way I See Myself" exhibit.



Educational Talent Search

Saturday, February 25, 2023, four SUNO students participated in season 34 of the Honda Campus All-Star Challenge National Qualifying Tournament at Prairie View A&M University.

Mr. Garret Ford, Miss Briana Robinson, Miss Lauryn Broadnax, and Miss Amani Jenkins competed against other HBCU students and met with Honda career representatives for co-ops and internship opportunities.





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