



# SUNO

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY *at* NEW ORLEANS

## CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

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# DEPARTMENT OF NURSING



Southern University at New Orleans (SUNO) was approved by the Louisiana State Board of Nursing (LSBN) to offer the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program starting in the fall of 2022 at its June 16, 2022 meeting. SUNO'S BSN program will strengthen culturally competent nursing care, improve health outcomes, and create a more effective health care system. On June 27, 2022, we held our press conference, ribbon cutting, and tour.

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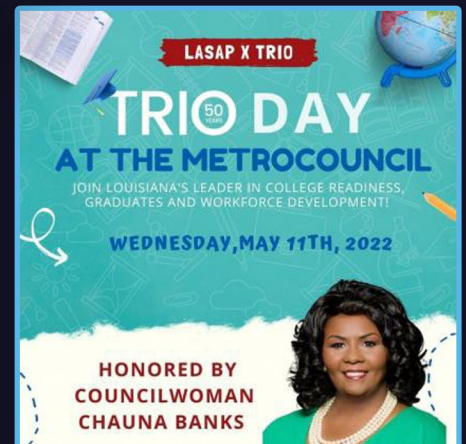
After the presser and ribbon cutting a tour was given of the 12,000-square feet Natural Sciences building where the Department of Nursing is housed. The building includes:

- Three 30-seat classrooms
- A computer lab
- Several skills labs
- Two high-fidelity simulation labs
- Control room
- 11 human patient simulators
- A community clinic with two exam rooms, an office, and an administrative space

# EDUCATIONAL TALENT SEARCH PROGRAM

## TRIO Day at the METROCOUNCIL

On May 11, 2022, Louisiana Association of Student Assistance Programs (LASAP) celebrated 50 years at The Baton Rouge Metropolitan Council in Baton Rouge, LA. Councilwoman Chauna Banks honored TRIO Directors across the great state of Louisiana with a certificate of recognition for 50 years of dedication to outreach and student programs designed to identify and provide services for individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds. **TRIOWORKS! #LASAP50**



# INTRAMURAL SPORTS/UNIVERSITY CENTER

Coming off of a successful Esports season last year, we will participate in the National Association of Collegiate Esports (NACE) League. With the return of some nationally ranked players, we will host open registration for new players beginning August 1, 2022.



This summer, the University Center will be a buzz with activity. The center will host several area summer camps. Participants will be able to utilize the bowling alley, the gaming area, and the university pool. Upcoming Events: **Faculty and Staff Game Night and Social.**

## STUDENT ACTIVITIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

The month of May is always a bittersweet moment for the Office of Student Activities and Organizations with the departure of our graduating student leaders. I acknowledge Malery Louis of the Observer, our student newspaper club. She served as the Editor-in-chief from 2020-2022. During that time, she oversaw the production of several Observer digital editions. Malery received her master's degree in Computer Information Systems at this year's commencement.

We also bid farewell to our 62nd Miss Southern University at New Orleans, Jessica Thompson, and our Student Government Association President, Amber Foucha. Both graduated with a degree in Biology and served in their respective roles with sophistication and distinction this academic year. With the impact of the pandemic affecting the students' social life, these two ladies' resiliency showed the best of SUNO. They collaborated to lead safe events for their fellow Knights to have fun despite the obstacles brought on by the pandemic.

In May, the Office of Student Activities and Organizations' Director and Advisors met with the newly elected student leaders to discuss their vision for the 2022-2023 academic year. Our new student leaders had the distinct honor of participating in HBCU day at the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Our Student Government Association President, Mr. Ronnie Dyer, serves as the HBCU student representative. Miss SUNO, members of her Royal Court, and our school's mascot (the Knight) were present to greet the area, high school students.

## Student Development Center

### Community Service-Learning

We are excited to kick off the "Knights with a Purpose" (KWAP) Community Service-Learning Program to work in conjunction with selected faculty KWAP Committee members. Dr. Gregory Ford, Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs, will work with the college deans to nominate faculty members from each academic discipline) to:

- 1) Meet and assist the Community Service-Learning Coordinator with planning and executing structured community-based service learning experiences inside and outside of the classroom
- 2) Establish service-learning goals and objectives for each academic discipline
- 3) Increase student's awareness of societal needs while instilling in them the spirit of giving back
- 4) Select community organizations, agencies, etc. that will help students to develop leadership and career readiness skills

# STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES

The SUNO Student Health Services Program continues to ensure that the safety of students, faculty, and staff is our top priority. The university requires all students, faculty, and staff to provide proof of vaccination or opt-out forms for religious or medical reasons. Our weekly vaccine drive is held every Wednesday in the University Center from 11:30 am to 2:30 pm. The university community and the neighboring community are all invited to participate.

Along with Covid testing services, Student Health Services continues to provide blood pressure checks, diabetic finger sticks, and one-step medical testing. We continue to promote safety for our campus community.

## Residential Life

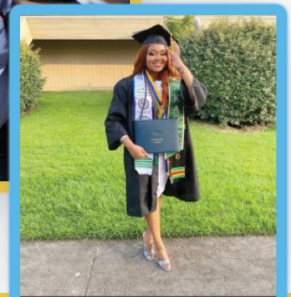
SUNO Housing and Residential Life completed a successful academic year. With the conclusion of the semester, housing staff assisted students with moving for summer break. We look forward to everyone's safe return for the fall.

We also celebrated three of our Resident Assistants on their graduation. Alton Harris, Jessica Thomas, and Alfred Richardson. No matter where life takes you, always remember your SUNO Family.

Residential Life partnered with the University Health Center to conduct a COVID-19 PCR Testing Drive. The event was held in the housing clubhouse



**Educational Talent Search (TRiO)**  
**We would like to welcome our new Office Manager, Miss Nykia McCray to "Team Talent Search"**  
**Miss McCray is a part of royalty; she was the 59th Miss SUNO!**



## YOU DID IT!

**CONGRATULATIONS to Educational Talent Search (ETS) seniors from John F. Kennedy Senior High School. Among the 130 graduates, 79 were participants of the ETS program including the valedictorian (left), Miss Waunzell O'Connor and salutatorian (right), Mr. Tyrin Batiste.**



# COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES



**Dr. Ashley Ojo** completed her work with the LOUIS Interactive OER for Dual Enrollment Grant. Dr. Ojo edited the Open Access Introduction to Psychology course textbook for the Dual Enrollment Course throughout Louisiana. She assisted in developing the Moodle classroom content, syllabus, course learning objectives, outcomes, and goals. Dr. Ojo plans to pilot this course.

Dr. Ashley Ojo presented and discussed in-depth information to the local community about "Combating Anxiety and Depression" during the Young Adult Personal Development and Wellness Seminar at Household of Faith Church in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Dr. Ashley Ojo completed the Rebus Community Textbook Success Program. This program is a professional development course that equips and trains faculty to make high-quality .open textbooks.



**Dr. George Amedee completed his work with the LOUIS** Interactive OER for Dual Enrollment Grant. Dr. Amedee worked with the Introduction to American Government cohort to adopt an Open Access textbook, develop the Moodle course and create course goals, objectives, and expected outcomes. Dr. Amedee plans to pilot this course.

Dr. George Amedee, Professor of Political Science and Emmett W. Bashful Endowed Chair, participated in the 2022 American Society of Public Administrators-Louisiana Conference. As a Speaker for the Conference, Dr. Amedee engaged and shared his current research, knowledge, and competencies with conference attendees in a 10 Minute Talk on Congressional Redistricting in Louisiana.

Dr. George Amedee, following his swearing-in as President-Elect of the Conference of Minority Administrators (COMPA) at the ASPA Annual Conference in Jacksonville, Florida, participated in the first meeting of the COMPA Executive Board via Zoom under the leadership of President Dr. Kelechi Uzochukwu, Associate Professor of the School of Public and International Affairs at the University of Baltimore. The focus of the meeting was to discuss the conference theme for 2023 and the appointment of an editor for COMPA's Journal.

Dr. George Amedee appeared as a Guest Political analyst and Dr. Gary Clark, Professor of Political Scientist at Dillard University, on WBOK's The Good Morning Show to speak on the famous "Return to Splendor" issue that emerged after Katrina.



**Dr. Darren Gil reactivated SUNO Criminal Justice Honor Society,** Mu Theta Chapter. He also held several virtual planning meetings this semester. The planning meetings focused on how to grow and develop the branch. As a result of the planning meetings, a flyer was designed and advertised, alerting SUNO students to a virtual general interest meeting. The public interest meeting was held where chapter officials presented a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the organization's history, benefits, and goals. The Mu Theta Chapter Faculty Advisor is Dr. Darren Gil with Chapter Student President Pauline Storms. Future meetings will be held to develop the Mu Theta Chapter further.



Dr. Raymond Delaney participated in the 5th annual Global Academic Conference with the World Association for Academic Conference. Dr. Delaney presented his topic, "Managing Diverse Talents and Yielding Positive Results During a Pandemic and Natural Disaster." The conference Theme: The Threat of Contagious Diseases to Global Economies and Racial Inequality: Critical Issues and Ways Forward. The purpose of his presentation focused on a lived experience of a social entrepreneur and college professor in leadership. In his exhibition, he shared his leadership and management acumen with participants and identified the dynamics between leaders and followers. The presentation discovered ways of managing diverse talents, knowledge, skills, and attitudes while facing global and societal challenges. Dr. Delaney ended his presentation with a message of hope, resilience, and progression for ways forward and recommendations to prepare for future pandemics and natural disasters.

Dr. Raymond Delaney spoke with 179 juniors at Kenner Discovery Health Sciences Academy. Dr. Delaney discussed several topics within his conference titled "Rising Seniors: Putting the Pieces Together." Dr. Delaney discussed being different, managing embarrassment, putting yourself first, building confidence while learning to work things out when parents are not around, managing loneliness, overcoming feelings of being lost or unsure, and living outside the box.

## CONGRATULATIONS!!!!



**Dr. John Penny**



**Dr. Evelyn Harrell**

The Department of Social Sciences would like to wish a happy retirement to Dr. John Penny (Criminal Justice Program) and Dr. Evelyn Harrell (Addictive Behaviors Counseling and Prevention Program and College of Arts and Sciences Dean). Their service and dedication to SUNO, our students, and as community activists are profound and creates a big dent in the movement for social equality, justice, and mental well-being. Please accept our sincerest thank you for your immense contributions. You will always be integral puzzle pieces in the success story at SUNO. God bless and God speed.

### **DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL SCIENCES**

Dr. Illya Tietzel

On June 24, 2022, Dr. Illya Tietzel attended the "Workshop for Minority Serving Institutions (MSI) Submitting Proposals to NASA" organized by Quality Education for Minorities (QEM) Network at the Hilton Baltimore BWI Airport Hotel in Linthicum, MD. Dr. Tietzel's white paper of a research proposal was accepted. As he was invited, his flight and lodging were funded by QEM.

On May 28, 2022, Dr. Illya Tietzel submitted an abstract to the Open Education Conference 2022 entitled "OER experience for STEM through a crisis of COVID19 and Hurricanes."

On May 24, 2022, Dr. Illya Tietzel became a guest editor for a collection of articles in his area of specialty in immunology, i.e., macrophage biology. He reviews abstracts submitted to the peer-reviewed Journal of Visualized Experiments (JoVE) Methods Collection. The methods collection that Dr. Tietzel is supervising as a guest editor is entitled "Generation, Detection, And Characterization of Alternatively Activated Macrophages."



On May 20, 2022, Dr. Illya Tietzel passed the final exam of the Blockchain for Practitioners Course of the IBM Skills Academy of the IBM Global University Program.

Dr. Mostafa Elaasar

SUNO is holding the STEAM Summer Camp for regional high school students from June 20 – July 20, 2022. Thirty high school students from different high schools in the Greater New Orleans area are participating in the camp. The Pipeline Development of Skilled Workforce in STEM funds the camp through Advanced Manufacturing (STEAM) grant, the U. S. Department of Energy, National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA), and the Minority Serving Institution Partnership Program (MSIPP).



Dr. Rachid Belmasrour is the camp's director, with Dr. Elaasar, Dr. Heon Kim, and Dr. Christian Clement as Co-Directors. Ms. Sherron Bates and Ms. Myeisha Miller are the Camp Coordinators. Mr. Zharrison Nedd, Ms. Alyra Youyoute, Ms. Daybriel Johnson, Mr. Garret Ford, and Mr. Joman Paul, STEAM Scholars, are helping as Instructors during the summer camp and are participating in research with STEAM's faculty members in June and July. The camp consists of ACT Prep, general science lectures, 3D printing activities, Robotics, and research in different topics.

Dr. Elaasar has recommended Ms. Raquel Green (Biology), Ms. Jalaci Harris (Mathematics), and Ms. Darinique Stovall (Biology) to participate in the Summer Radiological Control Technician (RCT) Certification Program, which will be held virtually during June and July of 2022. They have been accepted into the program is, which conducted by a collaboration between the Los Alamos National Laboratory and Alcorn State University (ASU).

#### HEALTH INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS

SUNO HIMS Department congratulates Ashlyn Stemmons, Graduate Class of 2022, on passing the Registered Health Information Administrator (RHIA) Exam.

Mr. John Barrilleaux and Mrs. Sharon McGee attended the Advisory Board Meeting on June 3, 2022, for the University of Arizona Global Campus. The Advisory Board comprises HIM Professionals across the country to help guide the accredited program at UAGC. Mr. Barrilleaux and Mrs. McGee were invited to attend and be members of this Advisory Board.

Mr. John Barrilleaux and Mrs. Sharon McGee attended AHIMA practice council meetings on May 25, 2022. Mr. John Barrilleaux is the co-chair of the Coding, Terminologies, and Classifications practice council, and Mrs. Sharon McGee is part of the Revenue Cycle Practice Council. Both Mr. John Barrilleaux and Mrs. Sharon McGee also attended the CAHIIM Town Hall Meeting. Topic: Population Health Informatics and the Social/Behavioral Determinants of Health. The HIMS accrediting body, CAHIIM, sponsors this monthly town hall series.

On June 20, 2022, Mr. John Barrilleaux attended the LHIMA Finance Council meeting to prepare the quarterly report for the LHIMA Board meeting. Mr. Barrilleaux will chair the Finance Committee for this coming fiscal year.

On June 24, 2022, Mr. John Barrilleaux and Mrs. Sharon McGee attended the fiscal year's final quarterly board meeting for the Louisiana Health Information Management Association fiscal year. Mr. Barrilleaux served the association as president this year, and Mrs. McGee served as the Advocacy Chair.

Mr. John Barrilleaux and Mrs. Sharon McGee will be attending the CAHIIM Town Hall Monthly Meeting on June 29, 2022. Topic: Building Meaningful Connections with your Students. The HIMS accrediting body, CAHIIM, sponsors this town hall meeting.





# COLLEGE OF BUSINESS & PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

## Academic Excellence Initiatives

### Carter Capital, PLLC Founder & CEO Visits the SUNO College of Business

Mrs. Shondricka Curley (nee Carter), Founder & CEO of Carter Capital, PLLC, a New Orleans-based firm, paid a surprise visit to the Dean of the College of Business & Public Administration, Dr. Igwe E. Udeh, on the 9th of May 2022. Shondricka is a 2013 BS-Business Administration (Accounting concentration) graduate. Upon graduation, she worked in the accounting division of various local organizations, including the local healthcare industry, before launching Carter Capital, PLLC. Carter Capital is a wealth development firm that offers income tax services, home buying assistance, credit improvement training, professional mentorship, and boot camps for aspiring entrepreneurs. The Carter Capital PLLC currently has 93 tax offices all over the region, according to the Founder/CEO. Shondricka indicated that her story is another example of what the excellent education at the AACSB-accredited SUNO College of Business & Public Administration can do for graduates. As a guest speaker, she will be revisiting the College in the fall.

### Business Majors Gain Valuable Industry Experience while Getting Paid

Several College of Business majors is participating in a paid internship for credit or noncredit programs in local businesses and non-business organizations during the 2022 summer session. Among the paid internship for credit, participants are Brandy Wilson (Capital One Bank); Imani Smith (Xplore Credit Union); Brianna Lewis (RAW Automotive); Aisha Foucha (Williams Accounting & Consulting Co); Blake Lavergne (Gulf Coast Bank & Capital Trust); Kateria Lee (Group 1 Automotive); and Tanja Edwards (Cumulus Media). The following College of Business students are participating in the paid noncredit summer 2022 GNO Inc. HBCU Startup Internship program: Antoine Hawkins (junior, Business Administration); Kasey Hunter (junior, Computer Information Systems); and Contesa Jones (junior, Business Administration). The GNO Inc. HBCU Startup Internship program aims to train the next generations of successful entrepreneurs of color, inspire students to become innovative change makers and increase the innovation capacity of regional startups.

### SBDMI Workshops/Seminars/Trainings/Meetings (June 2022)

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

- **Broad Cast Live WBOK Radio Program; Show broadcast remotely; June 2, 9,16, 23, and 30, 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 12:30 to 1:00 pm on WBOK AM Radio; Ms. Cynthia Beaulieu, Director, Host.**
- **Peer-to-Peer Perspective Facilitators Virtual Meeting work Group; June 13, 2022; All Peer Facilitators from around the country meet to discuss "Best practices "in operating a Peer Group; Ms. Irma Dixon and Ms. Cynthia Beaulieu.**
- **Goldman Sachs 10,000 Businesses, Lender Clinic; June 14, 2022; Delgado Community College; Interactive workshop where participants act as the Lenders; Ms. Cynthia Beaulieu and several individuals from the banking and Small Business Ecosystem.**

# COLLEGE OF BUSINESS & PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

- **Southern System TANF Grant Virtual Meeting; June 6, 13, 20 & 27, 2022; Discussion of statewide implementation of the TANF IDA grant on all three System Campuses; SUBR, SUSLA, and SUNO; Ms. Cynthia Beaulieu, Director.**
- **NID-HCA New Orleans Home Buyers Class; Saturday & Sunday, June 25 & 26, 2022; Assisted individuals preparing to become First-Time Home Buyers; Small Business Incubator; Ms. Mary Thomas Incubator Tenant.**
- **Meeting To discuss Xactimate Training at Incubator; June 28, 2022; Mr. Charles Fisher & Ms. Jamicic Fisher; Possible dates July 23, 24, & 25; Ms. Cynthia Beaulieu**
- **Tour of Small Business Incubator for future tenants; June 2022; several Incubator tours and what we have to offer potential tenants; Ms. Mary Thomas, Mary & Company, & Ms. Chantell Mitchell. Incubator now has 14 Tenants in the Incubator.**
- **Small and Emerging Business Development (SEBD); (Ongoing); 2 Assessments; Ms. Chantell Mitchell & Ms. Cynthia Beaulieu, Director**
- **SEBD One-on-One; (2); Call-in Clients; Ms. Cynthia Beaulieu, Director.**
- **Counseled; Incubator Clients; Ms. Chantell Mitchell**

**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 June 2022:**

**OSS/DXC Team completed continuous fall advisement and registration of students**

**OSS/DXC Team completed the editing of the AACSB Continuous Improvement Report**

**OSS/DXC Team attended the workshop conducted by AACSB Team Committee Chair**

**OSS/DXC Team attended suspension & probation workshops and reached out to students on academic suspension to discuss recovery plans and Summer options**

**OSS/DXC Team completed documents for Summer grant need financial assistance**

**OSS/DXC Team has partnered with the Office of Admissions to provide support**

**OSS/DXC Team attends weekly DXC planning meetings**

**OSS/DXC Team attends weekly LA2SET planning meetings**

**OSS/DXC Team attends bi-weekly LED meeting**





**WE LOOK  
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## **CHANCELLOR'S REPORT**

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