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THE ROOTED SCHOOL AT SUNO RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY

On Thursday, August 24, SUNO proudly celebrated its partnership with The Rooted School at SUNO through a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

The Rooted School at SUNO allows students to earn college credits while still in high school. By embarking on this educational journey early on, SUNO and The Rooted School are actively paving the way for a seamless transition to college for aspiring young minds.

We are thankful to NOLA Public Schools, our elected officials, and friends and supporters of SUNO for joining us on this occasion.



DIVISION OF ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT AND STUDENT SUCCESS

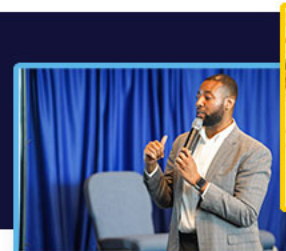
The Southern University at New Orleans Alumni Chapter invited Dr. Zackeus Johnson, Vice Chancellor of Enrollment Management and Student Success, and Mrs. Heather Freeman, Executive Director of Enrollment Management and Student Success, to give an update at their monthly meeting on Tuesday, August 15, at the SUNO Small Business Incubator. They donated water and Gatorade for the students during move-in and orientation. We are thankful for their partnership and look forward to working with them further.

Ms. Dana Bailey, SGA President, welcomed Mrs. Heather Freeman along for her first SUNO campus tour with the Southwestern Michigan Urban League. After the tour, several students expressed interest in SUNO, and one student committed on the spot!



Student leaders, staff, administrators, and SUNO alums welcomed new incoming students and parents to campus during move-in day. This provided a vibrant, welcoming environment for new students with extra support and assistance for a smooth move-in process.

New Student Orientation was a major success, beginning with the Big Welcome and concluding with a pinning ceremony for the class of 2027! Incoming students heard from various onboarding departments and support services during orientation and got assistance with registration on-site.



Incoming students participated in a Pinning Ceremony in which they were able to recite their Knight Creed, which solidified their commitment to the values of a Knight. Dr. Camacia Smith-Ross, Chief of Staff, welcomed them, and our guest speaker, Mr. Jason Gibson, encouraged the students to know their "why."

OUR MONEY MATTERS

In collaboration with NeighborWorks America, Our Money Matters provided a remarkable opportunity to five students from four HBCUs. SUNO students Dana Bailey, Ciara Perique, Garrett Ford, Amaya Martin, and Daisy Taylor, along with Mrs. Cheryl Legohn-Tubbs, our Community Service-Learning Coordinator were invited to participate in an all-expenses-paid trip to attend NeighborWorks America's Place-Based Training in Fort Lauderdale, Florida from July 9th to July 14th, 2023. This training encompassed valuable lessons in financial education, counseling and coaching, homeownership and rental housing counseling, as well as leadership development. As a testament to their accomplishments, each student received a



Certificate of Completion for successfully completing the Building Skills for Financial Confidence HO208 and Financial Coaching: Helping Students Reach Their Goals HO310 courses.

We express our heartfelt gratitude to Our Money Matters, a business partner of Southern University at New Orleans, for providing these exceptional opportunities to our students.

ANNA'S PLACE

In 2009, Anna's Place NOLA was established to address community needs following Hurricane Katrina. The organization's youth program, founded by Darryl Durham and Rector Father Bill Terry and originally called Anna's Arts, encompasses a range of arts-based activities and academic support to meet the evolving needs of the Tremé community.

Anna's Place's mission is to promote healing and wholeness of body, mind, and spirit in the Tremé/7th Ward and Greater New Orleans community by offering academic, cultural, and arts enrichment, holistic healthcare, and healthy lifestyle education.

SUNO student Dejuanna Beaulieu spent her summer volunteering by working with our city's youth in various roles at Anna's Place. Ms. Beaulieu served over 40 hours at Anna's Place and several other organizations and community service events and projects throughout the community.

AMERIHEALTH CARITAS OF LOUISIANA BACK TO SCHOOL EXPO

Dr. Atia Washington from the Office of Admissions at Southern University at New Orleans, along with Cheryl Legohn-Tubbs from the Office of Student Service-Learning and Resources, participated in the New Orleans Saints and AmeriHealth Caritas of Louisiana Back to School Expo. The event had over 2,800 guests in attendance. Dr. Atia Washington primarily focused on speaking with and recruiting high school and non-traditional students. This community partnership aimed to foster engagement, shared goals, support, and diversity.



Student Leaders participated in a student leadership retreat in which they were engaged in various leadership topics, including the importance of customer service.

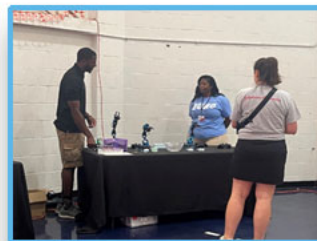


Last month, SUNO had the privilege of hosting the "Partnership for Housing" roundtable with Congressman Troy Carter, USDA-RD State Director Deidre Deculus Robert, and LHC Executive Director Joshua G. Hollins on our campus. We're honored to host conversations that drive our city, state, and community forward.

STEM FEST

On Saturday, August 19, 2023, four SUNO Nursing students participated in the Johnson & Johnson *My Health Can't Wait STEM FEST and Health Fair*.

Future registered nurses Trashell Nelson, Dajoina Jones, Chika Osuji, and Davialle Lazard-Carradine had the opportunity to engage with youth throughout the community by providing instructions for chemistry-led activities. During the Stem Fest and Health Fair, the nursing students also had the chance to guide and give instructions to parents regarding the health fair and assist with free health screenings provided by Ochsner Health.



DIVISION OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

NATIONAL BLACK NURSES ASSOCIATION

Three student nurses, Trashell Nelson, Davialle Lazard-Carradine, and Chikaodili Osuji from the Inaugural Cohort, were awarded \$5,000 annual scholarships from the National Black Nurses Association in Atlanta, GA, at their Annual Conference on Saturday, August 5, 2023.

We are so proud of our nursing students, and we look forward to our Fall 2023 cohort joining NBNA!



NURSING ORIENTATION

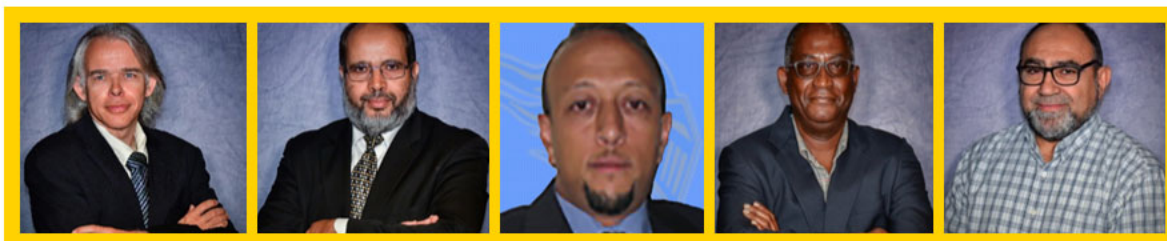
Southern University at New Orleans School of Nursing held its first orientation for the Fall 2023 Cohort on August 17, 2023. Student nurses received tips on "How to Survive Nursing School" from our inaugural cohort class leaders. They also learned about our campus resources to support them throughout their time at SUNO-SON.

OSN MENTORING PROGRAM

SUNO-SON and Ochsner's Nursing Education Department are collaborating to pilot a Mentoring Program for the Inaugural Cohort in the Fall Semester. The program, called the Ochsner SUNO Nursing-Obtain Support and Nurturing (OSN) Mentoring Program, aims to pair practicing RN Mentors with students. Mentors will provide support in problem-solving, prioritization, and study time management to help students achieve academic success. A Meet-and-Greet event will be organized to introduce mentors and mentees and foster a sense of community.

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL SCIENCES

Dr. Illya Tietzel serves as the co-corresponding author alongside Dr. Bashir Atteia for the article titled "The Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on the Prevalence and Severity of Internet Addiction: Current and Future Public Health Challenges." The article was authored by members of the Department of Natural Sciences, including SUNO faculty Dr. Rachid Belmasrou, Dr. Christian Clement, Dr. Mostafa Elaasar, as well as SUNO students Abdelmounaim Fillali, Naya Kendrick, and Serene Stoudemire. It was published in the Public Health Open Journal on August 11, 2023.





**WE LOOK
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NEXT MONTH'S
UPDATES!**

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