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THE HUMANITIES • SOCIAL SCIENCES

Millie M. Charles School of Social Work

Dr. Rebecca Chaisson, Dean

On Tuesday, August 25, The Mayor of New Orleans, Honorable Latoya Cantrell and SUNO Chancellor Ammons officially opened the Center for Grief and Trauma in the Millie M. Charles School of Social Work. The Center, funded by the City of New Orleans through the Edward Wisner Foundation is a joint initiative that provides grief and trauma counseling and services to residents of New Orleans experiencing unresolved and traumatic grief. In addition, the center serves as a venue for training MSW students in the School of Social Work.

The Center will provide services to children and adults on an individual, group, and family basis. Sessions will be on-campus and virtually and will be available during day, evening, and limited hours on Saturday. 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 grief and trauma throughout the school year. All services are free and confidential. More information about scheduling appointments is on the University's web page and the web page for the School of Social Work.

Approximately 45 individuals attended the opening of the center. Ms. Regine Williams, director of Communications and Public Relations opened the event with a welcome and introduction of speakers. Honorable Mayor LaToya Cantrell spoke about the importance of such a resource for New Orleans especially with the number of deaths and

trauma experienced by the residents of New Orleans. She stated that "trauma begets trauma" and that the city is committed to helping individuals suffering because of traumatic events and situations. Chancellor Ammons spoke about the importance of the partnership between Southern University at New Orleans and the city of New Orleans and the fact the recent tragic death of a local law enforcement officer speaks to the need for grief work for individuals and the community. He also spoke briefly about the center's response to different types of grief and trauma. Dean, Rebecca Chaisson spoke about the themes of the School of Social Work and the ways in which these themes are being realized through such a center. She also spoke about the center as a response to the **Call to Care** study and Resolution by the City of New Orleans to provide services for our children and families. Director of the Center, Dr. Torin Sanders, co-author of *Call to Care* spoke about the opportunity to serve youth and their families and the ways in which the grieve and trauma center



promotes hope and healing. He also invited Karen Evans, Executive Director of the New Orleans Children and Youth Planning Board to address the audience about the center and its relationship to the work of the board. After the press conference, Dr. Sanders provided a tour of the center. (See photo above)

Dr. Torin Sanders, Mayor Latoya Cantrell, Dr. Rebecca Chaisson and Chancellor James H. Ammons, Jr.





Dr. Patrice Sentino has been chosen as one of the 2021 honorees for the Women of the Year program New Orleans City Business News presented. The New Orleans City Business is a weekly business newspaper covering the metropolitan New Orleans area, including the North Shore. The Women of the Year award honors outstanding women whose success in business is exemplary and whose contributions to the community set the pace for movers and shakers for our region's future.

Honorees were selected based on industry and community involvement, as well as their career achievements. For more information about the award and the story, please click or paste the link into your browser: <https://neworleanscitybusiness.com/blog/2021/09/07/announcing-the-2021-women-of-the-year-nonprofit-organizations>.

Dr. Sentino and the Center for Hope Children and Family Services organization responded to the need for food and supplies for families suffering from the devastating effects of Hurricane Ida. Dr. Sentino and the Center for Hope set up and hosted a food and supply distribution on Saturday and Sunday, September 18th-19th, at the Center for Hope at 5630 Crowder Blvd. The event provided 2000 residents and community members with packaged food and other necessities from the hurricane.

Prepared meals, infant supplies, cleaning supplies, and Personal Protection equipment were given during the event. Councilwoman Cyndi Nguyen (left) attended and is pictured with Dr. Sentino (right) with bags of food and supplies in the background.

School of Social Work Publications:

Several faculty members in the School of Social Work have been engaged in written scholarship this month. Drs. Brown, Freeman, Russell, and Sentino have all received notification of upcoming and current publications. Drs. Freeman and Sentino included MSW graduates in the Addiction Treatment manuscript. They are Meghan E. Henry and Destinee Singleton, both 2021 graduates. MSW students are developing capstone projects to support and inform professional publications. In addition, to these publications, Dean Chaisson has been a guest editor and reviewer for the journal. *Reflections*.

The publications are listed below:

Brown, KJ (2021). [Review of the book *Facilitating Injustice: The Complicity of Social Workers in the Forced Removal and Incarceration of Japanese Americans, 1941-1946*, by Y. Park], *Social Work and Christianity*, 48(3), 323-324. 10.34044/SWC.48i3.195.

Freeman, D., Sentino, P., Henry, M., & Singleton, D. (2021) Addiction Treatment, Integrated Behavioral Health Care and Professional Social Work Practice. NASW, Alcohol, Tobacco, and other drugs. Specialty Practice Section.

Russell, H. (2021) "COVID-19 Pandemic Policies Economic Impacts on Social Behavior and Wellbeing: Broad Social Interventions Required- accepted by the American Research Institute for Policy Development

Sentino & Freeman (2021) "Collective Trauma and Supervision" NASW, Administration/Supervision Specialty Practice Section. Issue 2.

College of Business and Public Administration

Dr. Igwe Udeh, Dean

Academic Excellence Initiatives

Kick Off of IC3 Certification Training Boot Camp – Fall 2021

This semester, the College of Business & Public Administration is hosting the Fall 2021 IC3 Certification Training Boot Camp in four classes. The boot camps are embedded in three preexisting courses, while one camp is a weekend-only standalone program. The three preexisting courses selected for the program are MGMT 491, CISP 451, and CISP 510. The instructors of the three courses are Dr. Igwe Udeh, Dr. Obyung Kwun, and Dr. David Alijani, respectively, with Mr. Randy Wild, an IT instructor with certification in several IT programs facilitating the IC3 training content. Students from St. Mary'sMary's Academy, New Orleans, populate the standalone boot camp. The Internet Core Competency Certification (IC3) is the worldwide benchmark to gauge students' understanding of computer systems like hardware, software, firmware, networking, and computer literacy. The goals of the boot camp include:

- Providing participants with a fundamental understanding of how to use electronic devices and the internet to complete basic tasks such as sending communications.
- Creating documents in critical applications.
- Collaborating.
- Finding reliable and credible information.

The program will enable participants to master fundamental digital citizenship concepts and safety and security knowledge while navigating the digital environments. The boot camp is funded with a \$137,000 Louisiana Board of Regents grant titled "*Boot Camp Entry-level IT Certification Infrastructure to Enhance AACSB Accreditation's Accreditation's "Engagement, Innovation, and Impact," Retention, and Five Star Job Readiness*". Dr. Igwe Udeh is the Principal Investigator, while Dr. David Alijani and Dr. Obyung Kwun are the Co-PIs. Twenty-six (26) undergraduate students, 19 graduate students, and 18 high school students are targeted for the Fall 2021 boot camp, which runs from August 21 to December 4, 2021. A Spring 2022 boot camp is in the works. Interested students should contact iudeh@suno.edu or sgethers@suno.edu.



High School IC3 Campers



College Student IC3 Campers

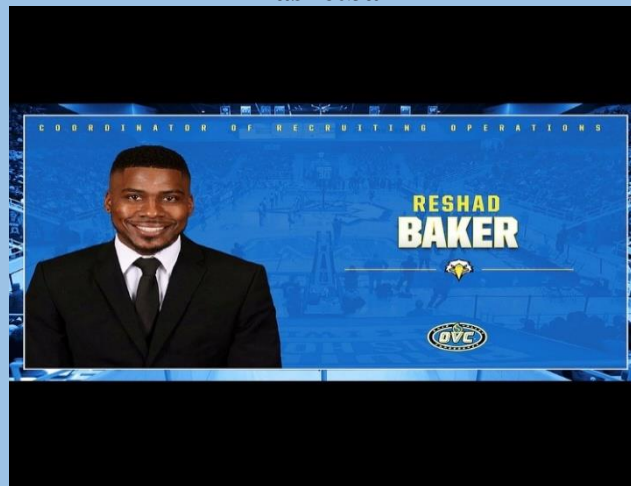


SUNO's Beta Gamma Sigma Chapter Receives International Honors

The SUNO College of Business Chapter of Beta Gamma Sigma International Honor Society (BGS) received a letter from Dr. Mary Gowan, Chair of the Beta Gamma Sigma Board of Governors, on September 8, 2021, congratulating the chapter for achieving the prestigious HONORS status, the third-highest distinction possible for any Beta Gamma Sigma chapter during the 2020-2021 academic year. This HONORS status makes the SUNO BGS Chapter eligible to nominate candidates for such prestigious global awards as Business Achievement Award and Entrepreneurial Award that recognize the College's community business leaders, alumni, and donors. BGS will celebrate this achievement during BGS's annual meeting, on BGS's social media outlets, and in BGS's *Recognition of Excellence* program distributed to business school deans from around the world at AACSB's International Conference and Annual Meeting.

Founded in 1913, Beta Gamma Sigma is the international business honor society for AACSB-accredited schools, which are the top 5% of business school programs worldwide. Inducted as students, BGS members go on to serve in critical leadership roles in corporate, entrepreneurial, government, non-profit, and academic sectors. Members currently reside in all 50 U. S. states and more than 190 countries. The officers of the SUNO BGS Chapter are Dr. Igwe Udeh (President), Dr. Yun Doo Lee (Advisor), Mrs. Timotea Bailey (Co-Advisor), Mrs. Shelina Gethers (Co-Advisor). Nearly 100 students, staff, faculty, and alumni have been inducted into BGS by the SUNO Chapter since 2013.

Alumni Baker Appointed Coordinator of Recruiting Operations for Morehead Women's Basketball



Demon Reshad Baker, a 2019 BS-Business Administration graduate, has joined the Morehead State women's basketball coaching staff as recruiting operations coordinator. Previously, Baker served as owner and head coach of the New Orleans-based Lady Flames Elite AAU team for the past six years. Before beginning his journey with the Lady Flames, Demon served as the Louisiana Lady Pumas Elite AAU team director. During his eight-year period within the New Orleans AAU women's basketball scene, Baker was associated with four AAU state championship teams, including three undefeated clubs. The College of Business congratulates Demon and wishes him success in his new position.

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

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

- Live Broad Cast of WBOK Radio Program; Show broadcast remotely; August, 5,12,19, and 26, 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 will broadcast every Thursday 12:30 to 1:00 pm on WBOK AM Radio; Ms. Cynthia Beaulieu, Director, Host.
- U.S. Congressman Troy Carter Established a Satellite Office Location at the SBDMI Small Business Incubator: August 5, 2021; Staff will meet with constituents requesting assistance from the Congressman and his office
- CBA 2021-2022 Plan Review Meeting; August 5, 2021; Department Heads and Administrative Staff met with Dean Udeh to develop and put in writing CBA Plans for enrollment and retention; Department Heads, Dean Udeh and Ms. Cynthia Beaulieu.
- Orientation Goldman Sachs 10,000 Businesses; August 6, 2021: Pathways to Growth; First meeting with all 11 partners in the MOU with Goldman Sachs and representatives in Louisiana from Cities with Minority Mayors and HBCU's; Pilot Program is focusing on bringing financial resources to the small minority businesses in these areas; Cynthia Beaulieu Virtual NAACP
- Wealth Building Seminar, SBDMI Weekly Every Friday, Co-Host; August 6,13,20, & 27, 2021; Presented on Entrepreneurship as a wealth-building tool for minorities; Mr. Rubin Detiege, Mr. Eugene Green, and Ms. Cynthia Beaulieu, Director.
- University Conference; August 9, 2021; Faculty and University Staff
- CBA Departmental Meeting; August 9, 2021; CBA Faculty and staff
- Meeting with City of New Orleans Mayors Program Pathway Partners; August 10, 2021; Program to place young people with employers around the city; Ms. Kora Roberts Cynthia Beaulieu
- Southern System Centers Follow-Up Meeting, Baton Rouge, SUSLA and New Orleans; August 11, 2021; Discuss collaboration on Small Business Expo for Bayou Classic; Darin Dixon; Ada Womack Bell, Dr. Michael Stubblefield and Ms. Cynthia Beaulieu.
- Update with LED, SEBD Senior Program Manager, Tatiana Bruce; August 12, 2021; Discuss SBDMI and how LED can assist with our programs; Cynthia Beaulieu.
- Mandatory CBA Meeting; August 16, 2021; CBA Faculty, Staff, and Ms. Cynthia Beaulieu.
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- HBCU-CDAC Virtual Meeting; August 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

- Worked on DOC MBDA HBCU Undergraduate Business Center Grant Proposal; August 12- August 16, 2021
- Meeting with Charity Hospital Developers and SUNO; August 20, 2021; Discuss how SUNO can involved our students in the development of the projects Workforce initiatives planes; Dr. Kim Rugon, SUNO, Rick Mithum, Charity, Joseph St Martin, Charity, Todd Villarrubia, Charity, Geneva Colman, Charity and Cynthia Beaulieu SUNO.
- Meeting with City of New Orleans Mayors Program Pathway Partners; August 24, 2021; Central City Library; Program to place young people with employers around the city; Ms. Kora Roberts Cynthia Beaulieu
- CBA Departmental Meeting ; August 24, 2021; 1st in-person meeting in a year and a half; CBA Building, Room 100; CBA Faculty and staff , Cynthia Beaulieu
- LED-SEBD Advisory Committee Meeting; August 25,2021; Discuss how to develop a meeting with all graduates of the LED Peer-to-Peer Seminars for the past six years: four Intermediaries, Cynthia Beaulieu.
- SBA Virtual Fridays; August 27, 2021; SBA, Ms. Valarie Brumfield; Information on the status of current and new funding with SBA; Ms. Cynthia Beaulieu & SBDMI Clients.
- Tour of Small Business Incubator for future tenants; August 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.
- 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
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- The program's first goal is to provide Virtual and in-person training to educate small businesses on how to operate their business effectively virtually. The second goal of the program is to provide digital marketing training for the small businesses participating. The third goal of the program is to collaborate with Capital One Bank on providing innovative concepts to small businesses on how to operate in the new normal during and after COVID-19.
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Office of Student Services and DXC Team (August 2021 Report)

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

- Continued follow-up of Fall 2020 cohort to register for Fall 2021
- Continue to reach out to students who have not returned to register
- Assisted students on suspension to recover and get registered.
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- Continue to advise and assist new students with registration.

- Provide degree audits and graduation plans for all new transfer students
- Ensure that students graduating are registered incorrect courses
- Awarded 50 scholarships, providing detailed reports of students' eligibility. Processed scholarship awards in DocuSign
- Reviewing applicants for New Freshman, Transfer, Re-Admits, and Retention Scholarship for the award and final processing
- Represented CBA for new student orientation
- Staffed Zoom Registration room for CBA, assisted students with advisement and registration.
- Attended Zoom planning meeting for SUS Abbvie Day on September 9, 2021, a pharmaceutical company providing opportunities for SUS students in various disciplines.
- Participated in LAABSET Planning Meeting
- Sent correspondence to CBA students regarding Abbvie day sign-up and participation
- Sent correspondence through Public Relations for larger SUNO community regarding Abbvie Day sign-up and participation
- Emailed Deans and Department Chairs regarding having students sign-up for Abbvie Day participation
- Met with new SUS AWS instructor Penny Warner who will be teaching the AWS Foundations course for Fall 2021
- Sent AWS flyer and sign-up information to CBA students for sign-up
- Post job announcements from Indeed.com on CIS, Data Science Slack page
- Attend weekly SUS DXC Team meetings
- Attend bi-weekly LED-DXC Team Project Managers meetings

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

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 September 2021:

- Met with Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs along with Retention Counselors to discuss retention of Fall 2020 initiatives
- Email and contacted via phone all CBA Fall 2020 students not registered to advise of opportunity to register for Fall mini session
- Sent reminder email to CBA faculty to submit early warning list
- OSS/DXC Team has been reaching out to at risk students and resolving issues
- Marketed Abbvie Day to CBA students and faculty/staff. Multiple planning meetings were held under the leadership of DXC Project Manager to plan for event



- Launched Fall AWS Cloud Computing class
- Provided make-up opportunity for students not able to attend initial AWS Orientation
- OSS/DXC team member serves as Teaching Assistant for AWS class

Attended Hewlett Packard Virtual HBCU Technology Conference 2021 - Presidents Round Table Discussion Participants



Dr. Carmen J. Walters, President, Tougaloo College; Dr. George T. French, Jr., President, Clark Atlanta University; Dr. Tony Allen, President, Delaware State University; Bill Avey, Global Head & GM, HP Education, HP Inc.; Kimberly Ballard-Washington, JD, President, Savannah State University; Dr. Patricia Sims, President, J. F. Drake State Community and Technical College

Hewlett Packard Virtual HBCU Technology Conference 2021 - Transforming HBCUs for the 21st Century: The Possibilities with New Funding & Cybersecurity Risks Discussion



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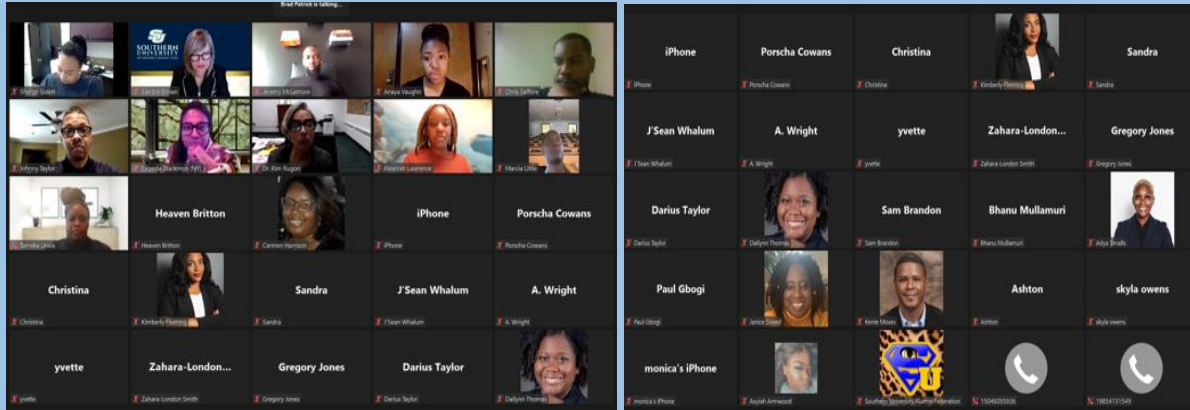
Participants: Karlton D. Johnson, Delaine Strategy Group LLC; Dr. Talitha Washington, Professor of Mathematics & Director Atlanta University Center; Job Albarr, Student, Delaware State University; Dr. Tommy Gardner, Chief Technology Officer, HP Federal LLC; Congresswoman Dr. Alma S. Adams, Representative, 12th District State of North Carolina, U.S.

Hosted successful SUS virtual Abbvie Day recruiting event with Abbvie Pharmaceutical

Representatives in which over 80 students/alumni participated. Students learned of internship and employment opportunities as well were able to upload their resumes using QR codes. GrubHub digital gift cards and Abbvie promotional items were sent to attendees. Attendees were greeted by Dr. Joy Jackson-Gilford of Abbvie, President-Chancellor Dr. Ray Belton, and SUNO Chancellor and SUS DXC Project Manager and Abbvie Day coordinator, Mrs. Yolander Smith

- Processed over 40 scholarships for new freshmen, new readmit, students
- Continue resume review and interviewing tips for student
- Planning for CBA New Student Orientation
- Held introductory meeting with new SUNO Career Services Director, Ms. Karen Francis, to partner with that office
- Attend weekly SUS DXC Team meetings
- Attend bi-weekly LED-DXC Team Project Managers meetings





College of Arts and Sciences Dr. Evelyn Harrell, Dean

FORENSIC SCIENCE PROGRAM

Dr. Paris F. Favorite (Director of the Forensic Science Program) has been volunteering as a Forensic Instructor with the New Orleans Police Department (NOPD) for the Crime Scene Investigation (CSI) DNA buccal swab training. This DNA collection training aims to certify law enforcement officers and detectives to process and collect DNA evidence. Also, the DNA collection training will help minimize the victim's wait time for processing crime scenes in the City of New Orleans.



Dr. Favorite's continued efforts have paid off because NOPD has agreed to allow Southern University at New Orleans (SUNO) Forensic Science graduates and current majors to attend the training for free to become certified in DNA collection. The training sessions will enhance each student's scientific skills and techniques to prepare them for five-star career jobs in the field of Forensic Science. ***Pictured is Dr. Favorite and her current Forensic Science majors and graduates.***

HEALTH INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS

On August 4, 2021, Mr. John Barrilleaux attended a planning meeting with American Information Management Association (AHIMA) staff for a new course in Post-Acute Care. Mr. John Barrilleaux was selected to create the inpatient rehabilitation portion of the course that will be offered to AHIMA members and the public.

On August 18, 2021, as president of the Louisiana Health Information Management Association, Mr. John Barrilleaux attended the AHIMA CSA Webinar for the Prior Approval Process for the CSA Handbook. The president represents Louisiana at all Component State Association meetings for AHIMA.

This August, Mr. John Barrilleaux was selected to the committee chair for the AHIMA Coding Terminologies and Classifications practice council. This council meets several times a year and work to produce resource documents for the members related to the coding terminologies and classification systems.

On August 20, 2021, as president of the Louisiana Health Information Management Association, Mr. John Barrilleaux attended the LHIMA Meeting for Finance Committee budget planning meeting. In this meeting, the budget plan is finalized for the year.

On August 20, 2021, Mr. John Barrilleaux and Mrs. Sharon McGee attended the CAHIM Town Hall meeting titled, *Are you Accreditation Ready? 4 Tips for a Smooth Self-Assessment* by Dr. Hertencia Bowe. Dr. Bowe is an experienced consultant in the HIM accreditation arena.

On September 15, 2021 Mr. John Barrilleaux and Mrs. Sharon McGee attended the LHIMA board where Mr. Barrilleaux presides as President. This meeting discussed the current business of LHIMA and planning for the annual conference.

Mr. John Barrilleaux attended the AHIMA Coding Terminologies and Classifications Practice Council on September 23, 2021. Mr. Barrilleaux was selected to chair the Practice Council for this upcoming year.

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INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES PROGRAM

- I. Dr. Lewis served as the Mistress of Ceremony for the Freshmen Convocation virtual broadcast via ZOOM on August 18, 2021.
- II. Dr. Lewis and Ms. Ceaser Noble attended the Association for Interdisciplinary Studies (AIS) virtual Roundtable Discussion, hosted by University College, Office of Interdisciplinary Studies at Alabama State University. The discussion focused on connecting, building relationships, and collaborating with other HBCUs offering degree programs in Interdisciplinary Studies/Multidisciplinary Studies on August 27, 2021.
- III. Dr. Lewis met virtually with a Hawkes Learning Training & Support representative on how to effectively utilize the new General Psychology textbook on August 9, 2021.

CENTER FOR AFRICAN AND AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES (CAAAS)

The Center for African and African American Studies (CAAAS) has concluded its 2020-2021 Programming Year Celebrating **AYA-Endurance & Resourcefulness: African Americans: Overcoming 400 Years of Enslavement and Oppression through Endurance and Resourcefulness. However, the Center continues to MOVE FORWARD!**

August 20, 2021: The Center for African and African American Studies collaborated with Professor Angela A. Allen-Bell, Esq. and her Law & Racism students, of the Southern University Law Center, the Promise of Justice Initiative, VOTE, the Louisiana Capital Assistance Center, the Vera Institute



and Co-sponsored the *Report for Service-Black Jurors: Missing In Action or Missing By Practice? Symposium*. Dr. Robertson served as a Co-Host for this historic event.

August 9-13, 2021: Dr. Clyde C. Robertson, Co-sponsored “*The Ride Revived Summer Institute*” hosted by Dillard University Center for Racial Justice. In addition, Dr. Robertson prepared Ms. Natalie Faciane, a SUNO student, to “Host” a Civil Rights Movement panel that included Civil Rights stallworth’s Dave Dennis, Judge Ed Lombard, and Don Hubbard.

Pictured (l to r): Dr. Clyde C. Robertson, Natalie Faciane, Judge Ed Lombard, David J. Dennis (computer screen), & Don Hubbard.

Dr. Robertson continues to execute the following Grants with 100% execution.

1. Ochsner Foundation Award: Collaboration with Dr. Eid, Director of Museum Studies: *Authentic Voices: African American Reflections of COVID-19- Stories of Sickness, Loss, and Triumph in New Orleans.*
2. **February 1, 2021-January 31, 2022:** 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. **August 1, 2020-September 15, 2021:** State of Louisiana-Louisiana Division of Historic Preservation Grant: *Pontchartrain Park Pioneers Oral History Project.*

Curator/Archivist’s Component of CAAAS

Ms. Linda Hill, the Curator/Archivist for the CAAAS, serves on the organizing committee (Design & Buildout) for the SUNO Museum (SUNOMA) and the CAAAS Archive.



Both units are located in the Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences Building at Southern University at New Orleans. The archive organizational strategy proceeded through the Project Facilities Manager, **Mrs. Tracey Webster**. Ms. Hill helped fulfill a design protocol that includes a floor plan, furniture and equipment (such as computers, printers, and scanners), and 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.

The SUNO-CAAAS Archive is 25% complete, including the finished design, build-out, and essential equipment. The Archive needs to digitize three individual archival collections and the placement of a Digital Content Manager. Furthermore, training for the Fujitsu Fi 7700 Document Scanner – 600 dpi x 600 dpi is in progress.

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL SCIENCES

Dr. ILLYA TIETZEL

In August 2021, Dr. Illya Tietzel had a virtual meeting with Louis Thomas, NASA contractor, and Breanna Fontenberry, NASA contractor at Michoud Assembly Facility. NASA opportunities for SUNO students and faculty were discussed, and additional meetings for September were scheduled with Dr. Tietzel.

Dr. Tietzel participated in implementation meetings of the Department of Natural Sciences of the COVID19 health disparities grant.

Dr. Tietzel participated in the ongoing Open Education Resource (OER) initiative of the State of Louisiana libraries, developing dual enrollment courses for high school students. He completed the phase one tasks.

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On September 23, 2021, Dr. Illya Tietzel participated in the virtual meeting of the NASA MINDS competition for undergraduates. NASA MINDS engages STEM students in real-life science challenges related to the Artemis missions to the moon in preparation for future MARS explorations. Theresa Martinez from Kennedy Space Center and Paul Secor from NASA were co-hosts.

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DR. MOSTAFA ELAASAR

Dr. Elaasar attended the “Machine Learning for Industry Forum,” **Virtual Event, August 10-12th, 2021**, organized by Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.

DR. CHRISTIAN CLEMENT

Dr. Clement was awarded a third grant funding from LA EPSCoR SURE undergraduate research for Ms. Taylor Williams for 2022 titled ‘3-D modeling of nano-efficient manufactured deep drug delivery to cancers and emerging Covid-19 type persistent viral infections’ Work for this grant has started.

Dr. Clement was one of the awardees of the LOUIS OER-Open Education Resource Grant. Dr. Clement and members of Cohort I have completed phase I and are currently in phase II. Dr. Clement and Dr. Lisa Mims-Devezin, members of Cohort II, have made inputs that specifically target Disability accommodations.

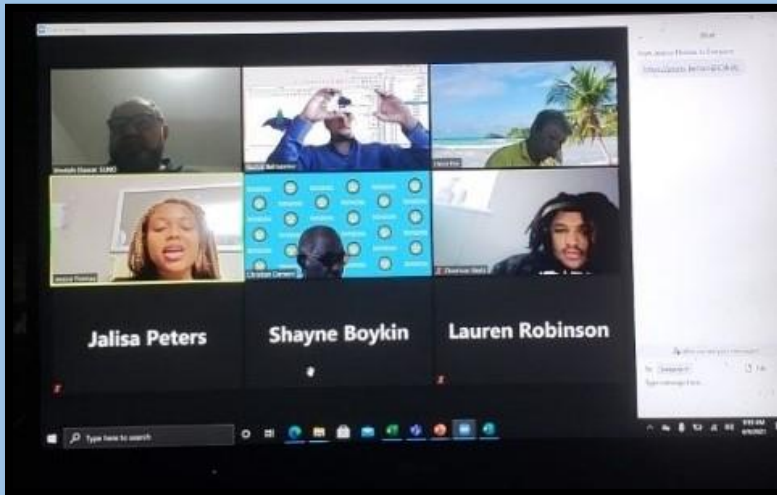
DR. RACHID BELMASROUR

SUNO held the virtual STEAM Summer Camp for regional high school students from June 21st – July 16th, 2021. Twenty-five high school students from different high schools in the Greater New Orleans area attended the camp. The camp was funded by the Pipeline Development of Skilled Workforce in STEM through Advanced Manufacturing (STEAM) grant, U. S. Department of Energy, National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA), the Minority Serving Institution Partnership Program (MSIPP).



Dr. Rachid Belmasrouer was the Director of the camp and, Dr. Elaasar, Dr. Heon Kim, and Dr. Christian Clement were the co-directors. Ms. Sherron Bates and Ms. Jalisa Peters coordinated the camp. Ms. Shayne Boykins, Mr. Dalbert Jimenez, Mr. Zharrison Nedd, and

Ms. Jessica Thomas STEAM Scholars helped the instructors during the summer program. They researched with steam's faculty members in June and July. The camp consisted of ACT Prep, general science lectures, 3D printing activities, and research on different topics.



Dr. Christopher Wetteland from Los Alamos National Lab (LANL) taught the STEAM camp participants 3D printing application and programming using TINKERCAD via WebEx.



Mr. Russ Revey, Derrick Parker Jr., Andrea Irigoyen, and Glory Vaughn-Walker from Kansas City National Security Campus (NSC), our STEAM consortium partner, joined the STEAM camp on campus. They introduced the camp participants to 3D printing and the different techniques to improve the quality of the printed objects.



The high school camp participants presented their 3D printed projects at the end of the camp. Dr. Brenda Jackson (Vice Chancellor of Research & Strategic Initiatives/Executive Director, Title III Programs) and Dr. Evelyn Harrell (Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences) attend the STEAM Camp closing ceremony on July 16th, 2021. They presented the award to the camp participants.

DEPARTMENT OF ARTS AND HUMANTIES



Professor Cynthia Ramirez is featured in two exhibitions, August through September.

"Resuscitation" at Second Story Gallery, New Orleans, LA, now through September.

"The Emotional Brain" Carroll Gallery, Newcomb Art Department, Tulane University, New Orleans, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

DR. GEORGE AMEDEE

On August 4 from 12:30 pm-1:00 pm, Dr. George Amedee, Professor of Political Science and Emmett Bashful Endowed Chair appeared with Dr. Willie Kirkland as Guest Commentators on "Politics 101 the Living Classroom," a show on Radio Station AM 1230 WBOK hosted by Dr. Gary Clark, Chair of Political Science.

Two publications were released in August in which Dr. George Amedee was a co-author. The first was a chapter in a book with Lisa Eargle, Ashraf Esmail, and Jessica Burke "Hate Crimes or Act of Terrorism? The 2015 Mass Shooting of the Emanuel A. M. E. Nine in Charleston, South Carolina in Terrorism Inside America's Borders edited by Ashraf Esmail, Lisa Eargle, Brandon Haamann, Latham MD, Hamilton Books pp1-11.

The second was a refereed journal article with Alma Thornton, Daylan Dufelmeier, and Kristie Perry "Community Attitudes toward Policing: Implications for Social Justice" in Journal of Education and Social Justice Volume 7, Issue 1 pp. 16-30.

On August 2, 2021, Dr. Amedee participated in LOUIS Pressbooks Virtual training as part of the LOUIS OEN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES of the Louisiana Library Network Affordable Learning Louisiana Project.

On August 9, Dr. Amedee participated in the last five summers American Government Cohort Meetings as part of LOUIS OPEN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES (OER) of the Louisiana Library Network Affordable Learning Louisiana Project.

On August 12, Dr. Amedee participated in a training conducted by Rebus on Project Scoping and Textbook Design as part of LOUIS OPEN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES (OER) of the Louisiana Library Network Affordable Learning Louisiana project.

On August 16, Dr. Amedee recorded via zoom an introductory presentation on "Racial Discrimination and Segregation" for use in three courses this fall semester, including African American History, African American Humanities, and State and Local Government as part of the

Center for African and African American Studies 's "Pontchartrain Park Pioneers Project" funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities and several agencies of the State of Louisiana.

As part of the Team consisting of Faculty Staff and Alumni that undertook a Strategic Plan for the Public Administration Program in the College of Business and Public Administration in Fall of 2018, this past week, Dr. Amedee's academic knowledge and expertise were solicited by faculty and alumni to develop a draft proposal designed to revitalize the Public Administration Program.

On August 31, Dr. Amedee currently serves as Vice President of the Conference of Minority Public Administrators (COMPA) and will attend the COMPA's Executive Board Monthly and report on plans for the bimonthly Speaker series and the 2022 Annual Conference Planned for New Orleans March 2-4, 2022.

DR. EVELYN HARRELL

Dr. Harrell, recently received notification that the renewal of her licensure as a licensed clinical social worker was approved. Dr. Harrell has continuously maintained this license for over 40 years. This requires the attainment of 20 hours of continuous education credits annually.

PSYCHOLOGY PROGRAM



Dr. Ojo completed training with the SOPHIA Learning Platform for Southern University online general education courses as part of the online course expansion and education accessibility efforts.

Dr. Ojo is currently creating an Open Access Dual Enrollment course and Psychology Textbook through the LOUIS OER Grant for Dual Enrollment.

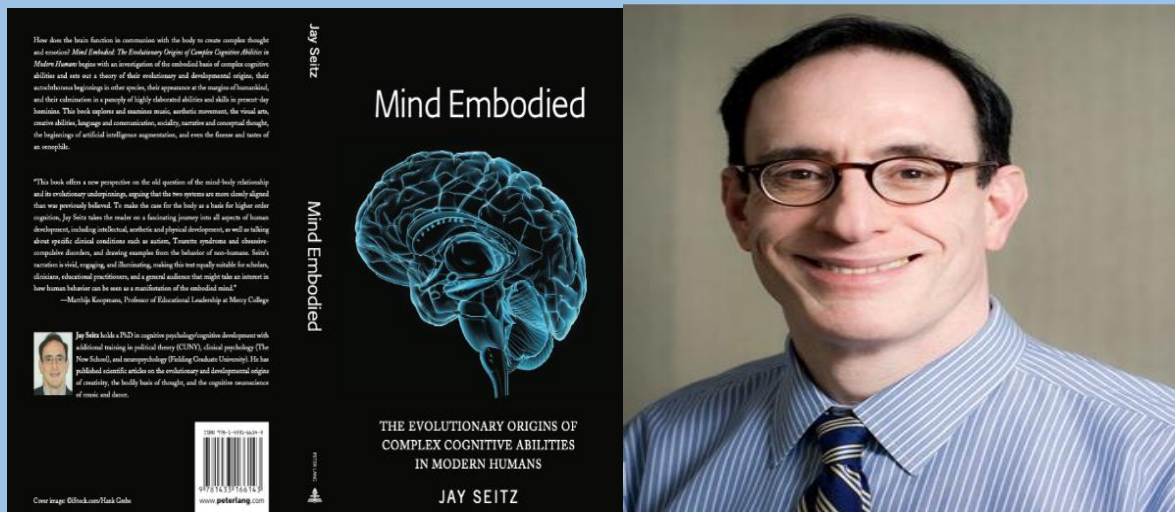
Dr. Ojo submitted a grant application to The National Science Foundation and the Louisiana Board of Regents for Supervised Undergraduate Research Experience (SURE) Grant titled "The Clinical Impact on Manufactured Virtual Reality Technology on the Administration of Psychotherapy."

Dr. Ojo accepted a SUNO General Education Assessment Committee position to represent the Department of Social Sciences.

Dr. Ojo recently accepted a position appointment to serve on the program advisory committee for the Ph.D. in Counselor Education and Supervision at the University of Holy Cross. This appointment was made by Theodore P. Remley Jr., JD, Ph.D.

Dr. Ojo has completed several virtual conferences, which include the following:

How to Manage Grief after a Massive Loss. Marine & Mt. Moriah Community Church Zoom Presentation, New Orleans, LA. *Processing Grief During a Pandemic.* Reaching Our Sister's Everyday (R.O.S.E.Ministry, Virtual Grief Training, New Orleans, LA.



Dr. Jay Seitz accepted an Associate Professor of Psychology position in the Psychology Program beginning the Fall 2021 semester.

Dr. Seitz is a neuropsychologist, entrepreneur, fitness enthusiast (certified in fitness training, National Academy of Sports Medicine), and canine and nature aficionado. Author of the 2019 book, "Mind Embodied: The Evolutionary Origins of Complex Cognitive Abilities in Modern Humans," pictured below. He has worked on healthcare startups in the brain wellness and healthy aging space and previously was in group practice and taught previously at the City University of New York.

TRIO PROGRAMS



The U. S. Department of Education/TRIO Programs has selected the SUNO Educational Opportunity Center (EOC) project for funding. The annual budget of \$232,050 equates to a five-year EOC project of \$1,160,250. The Principal Investigator (PI) is Dr. Shrylin Davis, EdD, CSW.

The Educational Opportunity Centers shall be designed:

- (1) To provide information concerning financial and academic assistance available for individuals desiring to pursue a program of postsecondary education;
- (2) To assist such persons in applying for admission to institutions at which a program of postsecondary education is offered, including preparing necessary applications for use by admission and financial aid officers; and
- (3) To improve students' financial literacy and economic literacy, including – a. basic personal income, household money management, and financial planning skills; and b. basic economic decision-making skills.

Congratulations, Dr. Davis!

Southern University at New Orleans
Educational Talent Search Summer Activities
Spotlight

The following students were our "*Students of the Week*" during our 20-21 Summer Activities Program. Each student excelled in different categories of ACT Mastery Prep!

Anarie Sims

Calwana Bridges

Anijah Dunn



Brandon Horne



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TRIO-Educational Talent Search Program has been funded by the
Department of Education for five more years!
Congratulations "Team Talent Search".



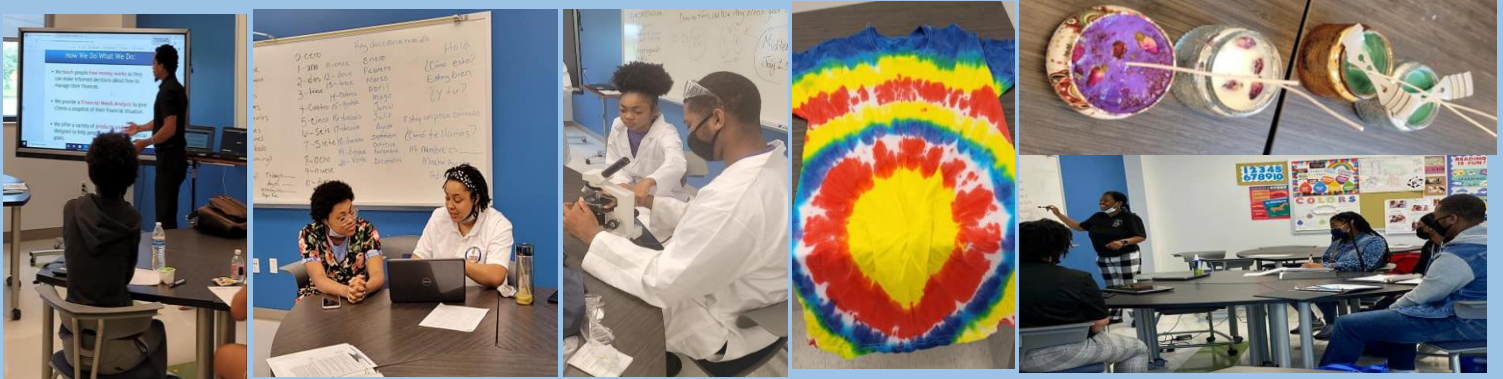
Southern University at New Orleans Upward Bound Math and Science Program hosted their 4th Annual Summer Academy. This summer, we are back in the classroom hosting a hybrid summer program—participants of the program attended in-person and online classes for six weeks, Monday –Friday. The summer component consisted of core subjects such as English, Math, Science, and Foreign Language.

In addition to the core curriculum, students participated in Lead Follow or Get Out Of The Way STEM and Leadership Program. The activities for the summer included; candle making, shirt design, robotics, forensic science, tutoring, and spirit week. Also, speakers were invited to talk about the importance of financial literacy. Students were provided with supplies to accommodate their needs in completing the summer program.

Supplies included a backpack with a binder, paper, pencils, pens, STEM materials for science and tech activities, and a flash drive. Assignments and exams were completed using Google Classroom. We are looking forward to the upcoming academic year.

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SUMMER BRIDGE PROGRAMS

Congratulations to our seven high school graduates who completed Upward Bound Math & Science Summer Bridge Program here at Southern University at New Orleans: Gabrielle Bell, Mia Kelly, Myshall Mitchell, Amber Muhammad, Amani Pittman, Phil Simmons Jr., and Destini Terrell.

The participants participated in a 6-week program designed to ease the transition to college and support postsecondary success by providing students with the academic skills and resources to succeed in a college environment.

The students are enrolled in 3 to 6 college credit hours in mathematics, English, Biology, Computer Information Systems, Chemistry, or Foreign Language.

In addition to the academic courses, the students participated in Academic Development Skills workshops and work-study. The workshops included study skills, note-taking, time management, college life, resume building, and career opportunities.

