

SUNO

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY *at* NEW ORLEANS



CHANCELLOR'S REPORT NOVEMBER 2022



COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

CBA INAUGURATES 2022-23 STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL AND CROWNS MR. CBA AND MS. CBA

The College of Business & Public Administration (CBA) kicked off the Fall 2022 College of Business Week Celebration on Monday, October 10, 2022, with the induction of the 2022-2023 Student Advisory Council. Officers of the four CBA-based organizations (Phi Beta Lambda, CIS Club, ISACA, and Public Administration Association) were formally sworn in by Dr. Igwe Udeh, Dean of CBA. The inductees were elected by CBA students and will serve as student advocates, information disseminators, and CBA ambassadors. Mr. Jared Roark (BADM/ACCT major) and Ms. Krishon Williams (BADM/MGMT major) are the reigning Mr. and Ms. CBA.



TED ELLIS SPEAKS: UNLOCKING THE VALUE OF ART THROUGH COMMERCE

Mr. Ted Ellis, Director of the SUNO Museum of Art (SUNOMA), was invited by the College of Business's Student Advisory Council to address the theme: Unlocking the Value of Art through Commerce as part of the Fall 2022 College of Business Week. The event took place on Tuesday, October 11, 2022. Mr. Ellis's expertise, aside from being a practicing artist, includes art and culture curation, distribution, and marketing – roles that interest many business majors. Students were particularly interested in art-industry partnerships (including with SUNOMA) to create revenue-generating opportunities in the culture industry. Seventy-two graduate and undergraduate students were present during the presentation. Mr. Ellis's presence anticipates the ribbon-cutting ceremony of the 15,000-square-foot SUNOMA on October 27, 2022.



STEM NOLA PRESENTS STEM SATURDAY: THE POWER OF CHEMISTRY EVENT

On Saturday, October 8, 2022, STEM NOLA hosted a "STEM Saturday" event at the Andrew P. Sanchez Multi-Service Center located at 1616 Fats Domino Avenue in New Orleans. The theme of the event was The Power of Chemistry. SUNO partnered with STEM NOLA to provide volunteers to assist staff and student participants with the event activities. SUNO had twelve (12) volunteers including Dr. Gregory Ford, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs; Dr. Kelly Smith, Chair, of the Department of Nursing; and Mr. Markeith Phillips, Director of the Honore' Center for Undergraduate Student Achievement. Undergraduate student volunteers included Otho Johnson, Jr., Ethen Dickerson, Jared Roark, Kameron Brown, Kyce Vaucresson, Delwin Fant, Jr., Garrett Ford, Chikaodili Osuji and Danielle Lazard-Carradine.

STEM NOLA is a national leader in the design and delivery of STEM-based activities, programs, and events to K-12 students, families, and communities. Participants in STEM NOLA programs receive a hands-on learning experience that allows participants of all ages to deepen their knowledge of STEM studies, gain confidence in their abilities and chart a course for career opportunities in STEM fields.

Dr. Calvin Mackie founded STEM NOLA in 2013 as a non-profit organization to provide educational opportunities in STEM. Since its inception, STEM NOLA has engaged over 75,000+ students – mostly under-served low-income students – in hands-on STEM project-based learning.



SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY AT NEW ORLEANS HOSTS THE FIRST WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Southern University at New Orleans's first cohort of traditional undergraduate nursing students received their white coats on Friday, October 7, 2022, during a groundbreaking ceremony. The newly launched Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program received initial approval this past summer in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic and an intensifying nationwide nursing shortage. The White Coat Ceremony is a rite of passage for nursing and medical students. It inaugurates student matriculation in clinical health science programs.

Nursing class president Ms. Trashell Nelson introduced keynote speaker Dr. Shondra Williams, President/CEO of InclusivCare Community Health Centers. Dr. Williams's speech emphasized having a heart to care, the courage to serve, and a commitment to continual learning. The inaugural cohort debuted their white lab coats and participated in the recitation of oath witnessed by the SUNO administrators, faculty, staff, students, family, and friends. A light reception followed.



STUDENT AFFAIRS AND ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT

HEALTH SERVICES

October has been a very exciting time for Health Services; we are excited to announce the partnership with Ochsner Urgent Care. Our soft opening was very successful. Students are excited to have this level of medical care. The Ribbon Cutting and Grand Opening was held on October 17, 2022. The name will be the SUNO/OCHSNER CLINIC. The hours of operation will be Monday-Friday, 8 am-5 pm. There will also be a



STUDENT DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Community Service-Learning

The University conducted a Voter's Registration Drive with the New Orleans Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. The event was scheduled during the week of mid-terms. The ladies of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. were determined to reach and assist our first-year



SUNO RECRUITED STUDENTS AND RECLAIMED ALUMS AT THE GENTILLY FEST

Dr. Adriel Hilton, Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, and Dr. Kim Rugon, Vice Chancellor of Advancement, participated in recruiting students and reclaiming alums at the Gentilly Fest October 7-9, 2022.

The weekend was full of music, food, and fun as fest-goers visited to learn more about the academic programs offered at the University. Many were interested in signing up to set up tours and to learn more about admissions and enrollment.

Dr. Rugon took advantage of signing up alum members from all over the city who have not been active with the University for years. She encouraged them to participate in the upcoming scholarship fundraiser and homecoming activities.



INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT



Chancellor Ammons spoke to the Rotary Club of New Orleans about the great things occurring at the University. He was met with a warm welcome and anticipation to learn about the resurgence taking place at SUNO.

SUNO's Suited for Success Career Center



HBCU-Stanford Think Tank Conference, Stanford University in San Jose, California, October 12 -14. Mrs. Vonda Taplin, Associate Director for Career Services, was awarded funding from UNCF to attend the 1st HBCU-Stanford Think Tank Conference, along with Higher Educational professionals from Howard University, Morehouse College, Spelman College, Dillard University, Bowie State University, and Meharry Medical College at Stanford University in San Jose, California, October 12 -14. The HBCU-Stanford Think Tank allowed Stanford to build intentional and authentic bidirectional partnerships with Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) to enhance the academic and professional trajectory of students, staff, and faculty. One of SUNO Career Center's missions is to collaborate with and build relationships with graduate schools, creating partnerships that will strengthen research and internship opportunities for SUNO students.





The SUNO Suited for Success Career Services Center was proud to participate in the inaugural Money4Life Leadership Conference hosted by the Center for Advancement (CFA). The conference took place October 5-7th in Atlanta, Georgia. HBCUs from around the country came together for a power-packed conference providing vital information for students to prepare to purchase a home upon graduating. The meeting also brought together industry professionals who provided a personal experience for students to learn. Four students were selected from SUNO to participate. SUNO students attended breakout sessions, including budget and savings, credit academy, strengths finder, the power of everyday leadership, and encountering unconscious bias, to name a few. They gained priceless information from leading experts in the housing and financial industries. On the last day of the conference, students participated in a career fair with leading employers on hand to engage and have one-on-one interviews.

The career services staff ensured that students were supported as they participated in the conference. We look forward to many other opportunities the CFA will provide for our students.

On Monday, September 19, 2022, Chancellor Ammons and Vice Chancellor Rugon attended the Center for Financial Advancement—HomeFree USA (CFA) annual conference at the Omni Hotel in New Orleans. The University signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with CFA to provide SUNO students opportunities for jobs and internships in the real estate finance, mortgage, and banking industry, prepare them for solid financial growth, teach money management and social skills, introduce them to credit, wealth building and aspects of real estate finance. In addition, faculty, staff, parents, alums, and our local community members will also be able to take advantage of these services, empowering them with the information to promote their financial growth.

Through this partnership with HomeFree-USA, the University will receive \$25,000 in funding to ensure program results and assist the agency with identifying students and alums for potential internships and jobs.





The SUNO Knights are back in The Castle!!!

After a 3-year hiatus, the men's and women's basketball teams—Knights and the Lady Knights—are back in The Castle. On Saturday, October 29, 2022, SUNO hosted a homecoming doubleheader. The Zulu Tramps ushered our students and SUNO's Royal Court into Castle as fans packed the gym to see the Lady Knights take on North American University and the Knights take on Clinton College.

It was an exciting time for teams, students, and the community!! The Lady Knights stomped North American University with a final score of 77-66. The Knights dominated Clinton College with a final score of 89-80.

The Knights will match up with John Melvin University, and the Lady Knights will meet the University of Virgin Isles in the Virgin Isles. What an exciting time for our students and the SUNO community.

More than 50 guests, faculty, and students were on hand to welcome the new Southern University at New Orleans Museum of Art on October 27, 2022. Several dignitaries offered well wishes, including Dr. Leon Tarver, President Emeritus of the Southern University System. New Orleans City Councilman Eugene Green brought proclamations from Mayor LaToya Cantrell and the City Council. Louisiana Senator Joseph Bouie also send a proclamation.

The 15,000-square-foot museum consists of four galleries, each highlighting different works of art, including regional, national, and international works, and the university's permanent collection of artifacts from the Congo and Nigeria.

Museum Director Ted Ellis has been a professional artist for over thirty years. Known for his unique style of "Tede-ism," Ellis is self-taught and boldly blends realism and impressionism in his work. He received his M.A. in Museum Studies from SUNO.

Ellis' first curated exhibit is entitled "I Fear for My Life: The Art of Justice," showcasing the work of 18 artists. The pieces depict how African Americans and communities of color deal with fear when encountering law enforcement. The history of this experience is told through works about the infamous slave patrols, the quality of life in the form of the Black codes to the stop-and-frisk and policing strategies used as social control and repression.



Chancellor of SUNO meets Superintendent of New Orleans Public School System

On September 19, 2022, Chancellor Ammons met with Superintendent, Dr. Avis Williams to discuss furthering the existing partnership between the University and the Orleans Parish Schools. The team discussed the following:

- Building a teacher pipeline—would like to see a “grow your own program” to address teacher shortage—field trips, job shadowing, etc.
- Educators Rising Program for middle and high school students—spelling bees, STEM activities that will introduce the young student to the University environment
- Creation of an Advisory Council to discuss the pipeline to a teaching career
- K-5 Literacy partnership
- Increasing dual enrollment, apprenticeships, and internships
- Science of Reading for elementary school-aged children
- Introduction of the JAG program that addresses educating youth in the Juvenile Justice System

Dr. Williams was very receptive and also added that we should consider offering the following academic concentrations:

- School Counselor concentration
- Clinical Mental Health Counseling
- Instructional Coaching as an add-on certification



On Friday, October 28, 2022, the University hosted the Emmett Bashful A Southern Knight in New Orleans Scholarship Gala and Silent Auction outside the beautiful Arts and Humanities Building. It was a grand evening hosting a sold-out event with over 500 guests and fourteen corporate sponsors in attendance.

COVID-19 prevented the University from hosting the event over the last two years; however, this year's event was extraordinary as the University chose to honor two of its late University faculty with the Lifetime Achievement award. Dr. Matthew Proctor, Jr. and Dr. Addison Carey, Sr., worked most of their adult lives serving students in the education and political science programs.

In addition, Mr. Edward Robinson, Sr. was given the Alumni Trailblazer award for his outstanding dedication to the students of SUNO and the alums of the Southern University Alumni Association. The evening was nothing short of amazing.

Special thanks to Dr. Kim Rugon, Vice Chancellor of Advancement, her gala planning committee, the SUNO Foundation, and the Southern University at New Orleans Alumni Association, who planned for over a year to make this event a success. Although the event is over, the University is still receiving donations for the scholarship fund.



THE PRESIDENT OF ST. AUGUSTINE HIGH SCHOOL VISITS SUNO TO PROPOSE A PARTNERSHIP THAT WILL UNITE THE TWO HISTORICALLY BLACK INSTITUTIONS WITH THE NEW ORLEANS POLICE DEPARTMENT



St. Augustine High School (St. Aug.), the country's only African American college preparatory school for young men, would like to explore a potential partnership to create a pipeline to address the crime issues and shortage of law enforcement personnel.

President Aulston Taylor is specifically interested in the Criminal Justice and Forensic Science programs that would create a pipeline to the world of law enforcement for students interested in joining the New Orleans Police Department (NOPD).

This partnership is in direct alignment with the Chancellor's vision of SUNO being the premier urban laboratory school that addresses healthcare disparities, education, crime, and poverty issues in the city and across the country.

SUNO alumnus Lt. Merrill Merrick was in attendance and shared his vision of how the New Orleans Police Department (NOPD) and shared the department's role in the partnership. The NOPD would assist with aligning the SUNO and New Orleans Police Academy's curriculums to create a clear law enforcement plan rooted in internships for graduating seniors beginning with the class of 2023.

The Chancellor agreed to offer two St. Aug. graduates a scholarship (complete with tuition and fees) to enroll in the Criminal Justice program. Once a graduate of SUNO, they would enter the law enforcement field, preferably NOPD, and chart their course towards a leadership role within the organization.

This alliance and collaboration would build up future leaders of our city to attain significant leadership roles in NOPD.



Recent SUNO retiree Dr. John Penny (along with his wife, Dr. Mary Penny) was honored by New Orleans Police Department (NOPD) and Louisiana State Police (LSP) for his 39 years of service through education in criminal justice. Presenters included Alumnus NOPD Superintendent Shaun Ferguson, who presented Dr. Penny with the Superintendent's Coin Service of Excellence Award for his many years of dedication to the University and the City of New Orleans. Alumnus LSP Colonel Lamar Davis was also on hand to share some words of appreciation and well wishes for Dr. Penny's retirement. SUNO Chancellor Dr. James Ammons, Jr. and several SUNO faculty and staff members were in attendance for this momentous occasion.

Dr. Penny's quote: Dr. Penny sees himself as "the voice in the community that whispers above the crowd."

The University will begin meeting with New Orleans Police Department and the State Police to discuss how SUNO can address the current shortage of police officers in our city, state, and nationwide.



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

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