



# CHANCELLOR'S REPORT MAY 2023

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY AT NEW ORLEANS



# Undergraduate Honors & Awards Ceremony

The recent Undergraduate Awards Ceremony was a momentous occasion to celebrate our students' hard work, dedication, and academic excellence!



Congratulations to our outstanding SUNO students; we're excited to see what the future holds for you.

# ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

### Career Readiness Seminar for Pre-Nursing and Nursing students

On March 8th, the Nursing Program hosted a Career Readiness Seminar for Pre-Nursing and Nursing Students in collaboration with SUNO Career Services, Ochsner Health, and Humana. Students learned the soft skills needed and leadership skills required in nursing. Student nurses were exposed to several career options after receiving their BSN.



## SUNO RESEARCH CONFERENCE

The SUNO research conference was a resounding success, with a total of 25 presentations given by 40 undergraduate and graduate students. The quality of the presentations was impressive, with a diverse range of topics explored.

In addition to the student presentations, there was also a high school science fair component, which provided an opportunity for younger students to showcase their own research projects.

Overall, the conference provided an excellent platform for students to share their work, engage with their peers, and gain valuable feedback from experts in their fields. It was a truly inspiring event that highlighted the incredible talent and dedication of the next generation of researchers and innovators.

We want to thank Cornerstone for its generous donation of \$2,500 towards the SUNO Research Conference. Our SUNO undergraduate and graduate students, as well as high school participants, gave impressive presentations. We are proud of all our students' hard work and dedication to making this conference successful.



## SEVEN FORENSIC SCIENCE SCHOLARS INDUCTED INTO DELTA DELTA EPSILON HONOR SOCIETY

On April 17, 2023, seven distinguished scholars of forensic science were inducted into Delta Delta Epsilon, the Forensic Science Honor Society. The names of these brilliant individuals are as follows: Lewis Burnett, Trenice Lear, Chelsea N. Lewis, Skye Varmall, LaTavia Williams, Nadiya Williams, and Taylor G. Williams.

Delta Delta Epsilon is an esteemed society that recognizes excellence in the field of forensic science. Membership is exclusively offered to junior and senior level students who maintain a minimum of 3.2 GPA, are in the top 10% of their program, and have demonstrated a record of community service and service to the program.

## COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

### Forensic Science Program

The SUNO Forensic Science Program has gained national attention with a promotional video, "What If I Were..." by The Players' Tribune, featuring Larry Nance Jr. of the New Orleans Pelicans. The video provides an inside look into the world of forensic science. Nance Jr. himself spent a day exploring various lab protocols and shared his insights in the video.

The promotional video also features Dr. Meiko Thomas, the Director of SUNO's Forensic Science Center Program, and she shared her expertise in forensic science.



On April 1, 2023, Dr. Raymond M. Delaney Jr., Associate Professor, and Dr. Darryl Roberts, Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice at SUNO, participated in The Center for Racial Justice and the City of New Orleans Mayor's Office Public Safety and Crime Summit. The panel discussion was centered on how local academic institutions prepare students to address public safety and crime concerns in urban communities.

During the discussion, Dr. Delaney and Dr. Roberts shared valuable tips and strategies for forming strategic alliances and partnerships with community members, grassroots organizations, law enforcement, and other vital stakeholders to address public safety. Their insights shed light on the importance of community engagement and collaboration in tackling public safety challenges.

The summit provided an excellent platform for experts to share their knowledge and experience and explore ways to address public safety concerns in urban communities effectively. Dr. Delaney and Dr. Roberts' participation in the panel discussion highlights SUNO's commitment to providing students with the necessary skills and knowledge to contribute to public safety and crime prevention efforts.



On March 24, 2023, Dr. George L. Amedee, a Political Science Professor, was sworn in as the 2023-2024 President of the Conference of Minority Public Administrators (COMPAs) during the organization's section meeting at the annual Conference of the American Society of Public Administration (ASPA). As the newly elected president of COMPAs, he will work to advance the organization's mission and promote diversity and inclusion in public administration.

Later, on April 15, 2023, Dr. George L. Amedee represented Chancellor Dr. James Ammons at the Celebration of Life held in honor of the passing of Dr. Edward "Kidd" Jordan, a world-renowned jazz giant and former Professor of Music at Southern University at New Orleans (SUNO). During the event, condolences were offered to the family on behalf of the entire SUNO community, and Dr. Jordan's significant contributions to educating SUNO graduates were highlighted.

Dr. Amedee's involvement in these events is a testament to his commitment to excellence and deep involvement in the SUNO community.

## AWARDS

### ***Ted Ellis, Curator, Southern University at New Orleans Museum of Art (SUNOMA)***

On behalf of the 400 Years of African American History Commission ([www.400yaahc.gov](http://www.400yaahc.gov)), a commission appointed by the federal government, we were honored by the National Black Caucus of State Legislators (NBCSL) at their annual awards ceremony. It is a great feeling to be acknowledged for our national efforts in recognizing the important contributions of African Americans throughout the United States under Public Law (PL 115-102). We take pride in our work and strive to continue to do "good work."



# STUDENT AFFAIRS AND ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT

## Aquatics

The SUNO Aquatics program recently collaborated with Dillard University's Student Life Office to organize an end-of-the-semester pool event. The event featured music and water-safe games, allowing students to relax and enjoy themselves before their finals. All participants had a great time!

## Service Learning and Resources

Ms. Cheryl Legohn-Tubbs, the Community Service-Learning Coordinator and Resource Manager, led students in completing service opportunities with various organizations; Letters Against Isolation, Healing Hearts, Grace at Greenlight, Little Stars Center, New Orleans Police Department Crime Lab, McDonough 42 Charter School, Little Prince and Princess Academy, Leaders Education Counseling Center, Adjusters Unlimited Academy, and the New Orleans Criminal Courts.

## Counseling Center

The Counseling Center and the Office of Residential Life collaborated to host a campus-wide study session aimed at helping students develop effective study habits during finals week. The event took place in the SUNO Housing clubhouse and was facilitated by the University Counselor, Ms. Kimberly Paige. Students were encouraged to bring their study materials and a study buddy. Ms. Paige provided various study supplies such as note cards, highlighters, sticky notes, and more. She also offered snacks, coffee, calming hot tea, tension-release activities, aroma therapy, and study-focus music to create a supportive, distraction-free student environment. The event aimed to make studying more enjoyable and productive as students prepare for their final exams.

## Educational Talent Search

The University's Educational Talent Search (ETS) team members recently participated in the Louisiana Association of Student Assistance Programs (LASAP) conference, held from April 2-6, 2023, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. We want to congratulate our Assistant Director, Ms. Kimberly M. Johnson, and Educational Advisor, Ms. Nykia M. McCray!

Ms. Johnson graduated from the LASAP Emerging Leaders Institute (ELI) Class of 2022 and co-chaired the evaluations committee. She will now move on regionally to the Southwest Association for Student Assistance Programs (SWASAP) to participate in their ELI Class of 2023. Her commitment to serving others is truly in line with the TRIO way.

Ms. McCray, a TRIO Alumna of SUNO's Student Support Services, participated in the "newcomers" event and was a guest at the TRIO Alumni banquet. She is always eager to share how TRIO changed her life and advocates this message to the students that ETS serves.



# INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT

## **SUNO awarded \$25,000 in scholarship funding from the National Association of University Women New Orleans Branch**

We are incredibly grateful to the New Orleans branch of the National Association of University Women (NAUW) for their generous donation of \$25,000 towards student scholarships at SUNO. We were also honored to have their International President, Betty W. Wilkerson, join us on campus to present the check. This gift will make a significant impact on our students and their futures, and we are humbled by the New Orleans branch of NAUW's support of our mission to provide access to high-quality education.



## **SUNO SGA Vice President-Elect receives The Link's, Incorporated New Orleans Chapter Scholarship**

We are so proud of our SGA Vice President-Elect, Oscar Poydras, a recipient of the New Orleans (LA) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated 2023 Scholarship Award. Oscar is pictured here with Ms. Sunni LeBeouf and SUNO Alumna Robyn S. McCormick at the organization's Annual Swing Into Spring event.



## **March In Leadership – Leadership Roundtable**

SUNO Suited for Success Career Center hosted March In Leadership, celebrating women in March. Women who are leaders in their fields, were invited to communicate about their journeys with the students and what it took for them to be where they are. Students must have access to what skill levels and education are needed to prepare for their future careers.



## **Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) New Orleans Field Office Private Tour**

In April, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) invited students from Southern University at New Orleans to a private tour of their building. The criminal justice and forensic science students were pre-selected to attend this event, which provided them with valuable insights into how their degrees could translate into a career with the FBI. The tour also allowed the students to ask agents questions and engage in one-on-one conversations.



## **SUNO Suited for Success Career Center & Veterans Affairs Career Fair**

The SUNO Office of Career Services collaborated with the SUNO Office of Veterans Affairs to host our Spring 2023 career fair on April 19th. Over 65 diverse employers from across the United States attended, informing our students about great career opportunities and providing insights into the soft skills and education required for success.





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

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