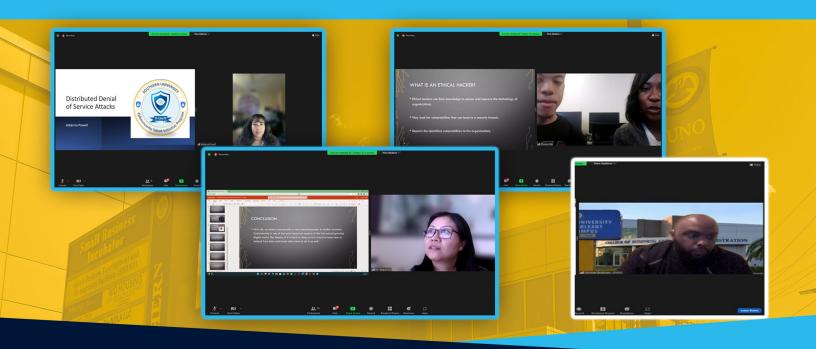


# **COLLEGE OF BUSINESS**& PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Academic Excellence Initiatives

#### CBA Students Shine at the SUS-CyberTIP/SU-CoDE Symposium

Dr. Yanjun Yu, Associate Professor of CIS, recruited and mentored 16 undergraduate and graduate College of Business & Public Administration (CBA) students who participated in the Southern University System Cybersecurity Talent initiative Program (SUS-CyberTIP) in both Fall 2021 and Spring 2022. The goal of the SUS-CyberTIP/SU-CoDE Symposium was to broaden the participation of students in cybersecurity and train professionals who can identify and address cybersecurity threats. Dr. Yu served as faculty advisor, students presentation judge, and chairperson of Breakroom B during the SUS-CyperTIP Symposium held on March 31st and April 1st, 2022. Sixteen (16) CBA students completed research studies on cybersecurity-related topics and presented their findings during the SUS-CyberTIP Symposium via Zoom. The participants and their research topics are as follows: Tiffani Smith (Cybersecurity Regulation and Data Privacy Laws); Kieron Haynes (CyberSecurity Lifestyle); Curstin Kaufman (Effective Cyber Security Strategies for Internet of Things) D'Jon Lagarde (Issues & Challenges for dètecting and removing Distributed Denial of Service (DDOS) Attack); Melvin Turner (Early detection or prediction for DDoS); Melvin Turner (Quantifying Cybersecurity investment vs. risk exposure); Rickayla Selmon (Malvertising); Tarilate Owei (Fake news detection in social media using AI and ML); Adrianna Powell (Cybersecurity in Criminal Justice); Keandra Darjean (Careers in the cybersecurity industry); Thomas Ellis (Careers in the cybersecurity industry II); Jyothi Sree Kanakamedela (User privacy protection on mobile social networking); Tiffany Merrick (Biometrics and other new authentication technologies, for identity management, device authentication and access control); Rondale Beckwith (Security & Automation of Microsoft Office Applications); Jason Young (Web Security (SQL Injection, XSS, CSRF attacks etc.); Rickayla Selmon (Mobile Security (Data leakage by using third part apps, avoiding fake access points through hotspots); Gregory Lazard (Malvertising: What is it? How does it work? Recent examples. How to avoid it?); and Anjail Wright (Cloud Computing Security). Upon completing their research study and presentation at the Symposium, each student was awarded a \$1,250 stipend. There were 71 student presentations from four of the five campuses of the Southern University System, including SU Baton Rouge, SU New Orleans, SU Shreveport, and SU Law Center. Eleven special awards were awarded to the top 10 students, and three of those top awards went to CBA students, including Melvin Turner (2nd Place), Rondale Beckwith (3rd Place), and Jyothi Sree Kanakamedela (3rd Place). The Symposium included students from various disciplines, including Computer Science, Finance, MBA, Criminal Justice, Therapeutic Recreation, Business Management, Biology, Math, Agricultural Economics, Accounting, Mechanical Engineering, Civil Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Computer Information Systems, and Law.







Kwame Nkrumah University Business School Dean & Staff visit SUNO College of Business Dr. Nathaniel Boso, Dean of the Business School at the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST), Kumasi, Ghana, and Mr. Samuel Akomea, Director of Business Development at KNUST, on Friday, March 25, 2022. The delegation was interested in learning more about the history of SUNO (before and after Katrina), its mission, students, programs, and faculty. The team paid a courtesy visit to the SUNO Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Dr. Gregory Ford. During that meeting, Dr. Ford provided some insight into the University's various academic programs and talent and assured the visitors that the University was committed to exploring a partnership that will increase access to higher education and skills to improve economic opportunities and quality of life in both communities. The team then met with Dr. Igwe Udeh, Dean of the SUNO College of Business & Public Administration (CBA), and the CBA leadership (Dr. David Alijani, Dr. Charles Briggs, Mrs. Timotea Bailey, and Mrs. Cynthia Beaulieu) to know more about the SUNO College of Business's journey and effort to earn and maintain AACSB-International Accreditation. Areas of possible collaboration between two Business Schools during the meeting. Mr. Akomea was particularly interested in meeting his counterpart, Mrs. Cynthia Beaulieu, the SUNO Small Business Incubator facility director. Dr. Evelyn Harrell, Dean of the SUNO College of Arts & Sciences, was invited to the meeting to explore additional collaboration opportunities between the academic units in her college and compatible KNUST units. The team was brought to SUNO by Dr. Ashagre Yigletu, Dean of Graduate School, Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College-Baton Rouge, Louisiana (SUBR), and Dr. Patrick Mensah, Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Programs at SUBR. The KNUST team was given a SUNO campus tour, including visiting the SUNO Small Business Incubator Building, the College of Business Building, SUNO On-Campus Housing, the School of Social Work Building, and the College of Education Building. Following this initial introduction, the teams agreed to continue exploring and discussing areas of common interest.



#### 2022 Beta Gamma Sigma Induction Ceremony

Nineteen (19) undergraduate students, five (graduate students), two faculty, and one staff member were inducted into the SUNO Chapter of Beta Gamma Sigma Honor Society (BGS) on Friday, March 25, 2022, at the Millie Charles Social Work Building. The Mission of the International Honor Society Beta Gamma Sigma is to encourage and honor academic achievement in the study of business, cultivate and celebrate leadership and professional excellence, advance the Society's values, and serve its lifelong members. The undergraduate inductees were Kathleen Adwell; Carl Alexis; Latoya Coleman; Aisha Foucha; Antoine Hawkins; Sharon Isidore: Fabreion Jackson: Shaundrell Santa Marina: Danicka Johnson: Rickayla Selmon; Blake Lavergne; Keshia Stevenson; Kateria Lee; Catyris Torry; Kelly Rhome; Shamira Vigne; Giselle Rogers; Asia Williams and Kenneth Yamoah. The graduate inductees were Balavinay Thumma; Jyothi Sree Kanakamedela; Paul Gbogi; Tiffany Merrick; and Vinisha Pothireddy. The faculty inductees were Dr. David Alijani and Mr. David Burks. The staff member inducted was Mrs. Marie Smith. The keynote speaker for the event was Ms. Kemberly Washington, CPA, President of Washington CPA Services, LLC. In her remarks, Ms. Washington shared her background and her professionalism. She inspired the inductees with her story about rising from a New Orleans neighborhood to becoming the co-founder of Washington CPA Services, LLC, an author, educator, and personal finance news contributor. She challenged the students to see every challenge as an opportunity to learn and grow. The Beta Pledge Readers were Ms. Keandra Darjean, BGS Member, Mr. Lucies Thompson, BGS Member, and Dr. Charles Briggs, BGS Member. The induction ceremony planning committee members were Mrs. Timotea Bailey, BGS Member and CBA Director of Student Services: Mrs. Shelina Gethers, BGS Member, and CBA Administrative Assistant; Mrs. Constance Woods, SUNO-DXC Partnership Student Success Specialist; Mr. Eric Williams, SUNO-DXC Partnership Recruiting Coordinator; Dr. Yun Doo Lee, BGS Member/Advisor/Secretary, SUNO BGS Chapter. The SUNO-DXC Partnership team sponsored the induction ceremony. BGS is a lifetime membership.



#### THE SPRING 2022 CBA STUDENT ASSEMBLY & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WEEK

This event was held on March 21 – 25, 2022. The 2022 program was designed to dovetail into the university-wide career fair on the 24th at the University Center. On Monday, March 21, 2022, Mrs. Yolander Albert Smith, the SUS-DXC Project Manager, presented the first installment of a seminar on successfully preparing and navigating Career Fairs. She repeated the presentation later that evening at 6:00 PM. Two speakers were on hand on Tuesday, March 22, 2022, to better equip CBA students for career success by dressing the part during their job search process. Ms. Tracee Dundas, Program Coordinator, Dress for Success, demonstrated what professional dress for ladies looked like, while Mr. Patrick Young, Founder & CEO of Sharp Men, modeled what men should dress like when searching for a job and job interview. The two presenters hammered home the importance of looking at the part in an i nterview and making the recruiter comfortable to say "yes." Ms. Jasmine Brown, Public Policy Manager, Greater New Orleans (GNO), Inc., who has been instrumental in hiring College of Business students as summer interns for many New Orleans startups, took the floor to share with the students some of the common mistakes that could sour an otherwise good interview. They offered tips for increasing the odds of being invited to the following discussion and becoming the finalist. All the presenters fielded questions from the students during their lively and interactive presentations. The CBA Student Assembly & Professional Development Week is a joint effort between the Office of the CBA Dean and the CBA Office of Student Services.



#### SCHOLARSHIP AND PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE

Yu, Y. and Chika, O. J. (2022). "Communication Technology Impact on Underrepresented Minority Students During the COVID-19 Pandemic: Issues and Tentative Solutions," IOSR Journal of Research & Method in Education, 12(1), 49-55, DOI: 10.9790/7388-1202044955

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

- **HBCU**-CDAC Campus & Coins Tour; Virtual Meeting: April 5, 2022; Planning and discussion on the Battle of the D.J.'s Between Dillard DJ and SUNO's D.J.; Launch of Our Money Matters (OMM) financial platform sponsored by Wells Fargo Bank; Ms. Cynthia Beaulieu, Director.
- Live Broad Cast of WBOK Radio Program; Show broadcast remotely; April 7, 14, 21, and 28, 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.
- Meeting Google partnership with CBA, SBDMI & Students; April 6, 2022; K. Allen Consulting & Ms. Cynthia Beaulieu, Director
- Meeting Incubator Partnership; April 11, 2022; Incubator Building; Ms. Edit Jones and Ms. Cynthia Beaulieu.
- **HBCU-CDAC** Campus & Coins Tour; Virtual Meeting: April 12, 2022; Planning and discussion on the Battle of the J.D.'s Between Dillard DJ and SUNO's D.J.; Launch of Our Money Matters (OMM) financial platform sponsored by Wells Fargo Bank; Ms. Cynthia Beaulieu, Director.
- **Southern** System TANF Grant Virtual Meeting; April 14, 2022; Discussion of statewide implementation of the TANF IDA grant on all three System Campuses; SUBR, SUSLA, and SUNO; Ms. Cynthia Beaulieu, Director.
- Louisiana Economic Development (LED) Peer-to-Peer Roundtable; April 14, 2022; 6th session; 14 participants; Business owners met for Peer-to-Peer learning, brainstorming, and problem-solving. Business owners safely explored business and personal issues in a supportive, confidential, and trusting environment. The roundtables are problem-solving sessions that address
- issues important to the business owner. Invited Industry guests to discuss access to new and innovative business and business growth; Ms. Irma Dixon, facilitator; Ms. Shatiqua Mosley Wilson, Host, and Ms. Cynthia Beaulieu.
- Meeting Louisiana State Insurance Commission staff; April 19, 2022; Small Business Incubator; Discuss outreach activity or SBDMI clients; Mr. Patrick Bell and Ms. Gayle Raby, Ms. Chantell Mitchell and Ms. Cynthia Beaulieu
- Meeting Economic Development Administration (EDA) Grant; Zoom Virtual meeting to discuss the submission of EDA Grant; April 19, 2022; Team and Ms. Cynthia Beaulieu, Director
- Our Money Matters (OMM) Role out Campaign-Battle of the D.J.s; April 20, 2022; Arts, Science Auditorium; OMM team from around the country, Ms. Chantell Mitchell and Ms. Cynthia, Director
- Meeting Glenn Montgomery SBDMI Client; April 20, 2022; Small Business Incubator; Counseling on a business project; Mr. Montgomery and Ms. Cynthia Beaulieu.
- CBA Departmental Meeting; April 20, 2022; CBA Room 100; CBA faculty, staff, and Ms. Cynthia Beaulieu, Director.
- SUNO Rollout Campaign Southern System TANF Grant; April 27, 2022; CBA Room 100; Implementation of the statewide initiative of the TANF IDA grant on SUNO's Campus; SUBR, SUSLA, and SUNO; Ms. Cynthia Beaulieu, Director
- •HBCU-CDAC Annual Board Retreat and Continuing Education; April 27 April 29; Washington D.C.; Ms. Cynthia Beaulieu
- •Incubator now has 14 Tenants in the Incubator.
- •Meetings to Develop SBDMI/Incubator's upcoming Seminars/Workshops; Ongoing; Ms. Chantell Mitchell Ms. Cynthia Beaulieu, Director.
- •Small and Emerging Business Development (SEBD); (Ongoing); 2 Assessments; Ms. Cynthia Beaulieu, Director
- •SEBD One-on-One; (4); Call-in Clients; Ms. Cynthia Beaulieu, Director.
- •Counseled; Incubator Clients; Ms. Cynthia Beaulieu, Director

#### OFFICE OF STUDENT SERVICES AND DXC TEAM (MARCH-APRIL, 2022 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 March-April, 2022:

- The Office of Student Services (OSS)/DXC Team conducted a "wellness" check on the 2021 cohort
- OSS/DXC Team recommended academic interventions so that students would remain in good academic standing
- OSS/DXC Team attended NASAP Conference
- OSS/DXC Team continues its engagement with CIS Club in advisory role
- The OSS/DXC Team researched and identified eligible CBA candidates for Beta Gamma Sigma induction
- OSS/DXC Team researched BGS student schedules and developed a schedule for "tagging" for maximum peer recognition.
- The OSS/DXC Team and CBA Dean led the "tag" team where BGS candidates were recognized in their classes
- OSS/DXC Team sponsored and participated in the Beta Gamma Sigma Honors Induction
- The OSS/DXC Team edited and made recommendations for CBA course scheduling for Summer and Fall 2022, as well as Spring 2023
- OSS/DXC Team conducted an introductory and informational
- OSS/DXC Team participated in Sarah T. Reed on-campus recruitment activity
- OSS/DXC Team planned and implemented a successful week of professional development activities for students speakers and their topics included: Yolander Smith, DXC Project Manager, interviewing skills and career fair preparation; Jasmine Brown, GNO, Inc, Public Policy Manager, the internship experience; Tracee Dundas, Dressing for Success, Program Coordinator and Patrick Young, Sharp Men, Founder – wearing the proper uniform



SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY AT NEW ORLEANS

#### **COLLEGE OF BUSINESS PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION**

#### **Professional Development Activities** College of Business, room 100

MONDAY, MARCH 21, 2022 Mrs. Yolander Albert Smith TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 2022

> Ms. Jasmine Brown Ms. Tracee Dundas Mr. Patrick Young

SUNO CAREER FAIR THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 2022 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM UNIVERSITY CENTER, 2ND FLOOR

> Land your dream job and career! Don't let this opportunity pass you by!

- Day 1 DXC SUS Project Manager, Yolander Smith conducts a workshop on interviewing skills and elevator pitch
- Day 2 Preparing for the Internship GNO, Inc Policy Manager, Jasmine Brown
- Dressing for Success Sharp Men, Patrick Young, Founder and CEO and Dress for Success, Tracee Dundas, Program Coordinator
- OSS/DXC Team co-sponsored and assisted with SUNO Career Fair
- OSS/DXC Team attends bi-weekly DXC Project Managers Meetings
- OSS/DXC Team attends weekly SUS Team meetings
- OSS/DXC Team attends weekly LAABSET weekly meetings
- OSS/DXC Team attends monthly CBA meetings



## COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

## **HUMAN DEVELOPMENT**

#### **Highlights**

The Center of Certification and Teacher Quality has increased its enrollment by 71%. The 71% increase reflects Jefferson Parish teacher candidates only. Two teacher candidates will be completing the certification program and will officially be promoted from teacher candidates to certified teachers for the state of Louisiana.

#### Marketing/Recruitment:

Jefferson Parish School District Tuition Reimbursement: On April 21, 2022, Kimberly Stanley (Director of Certification and Teacher Quality) and Erika Hernandez (Coordinator of Certification and Teacher Quality) will be attending their second Tuition Reimbursement meeting held by Jefferson Parish School District. This meeting aims to recruit teacher candidates for the certification program. The first meeting attended by the certification department helped increase student enrollment for the certification program by 71%.

**St. John the Baptist School District Noncertified Teacher Meeting:** On April 27, 2022, Kimberly Stanley (Director of Certification and Teacher Quality) and Erika Hernandez (Coordinator of Certification and Teacher Quality) will be attending St. John the Baptist School District Noncertified Teacher Meeting located at East St. John High School in the school cafeteria. This meeting aims to recruit teacher candidates into the certification program, expanding our partnerships outside the New Orleans area. Dr. Curtis Greene, the Director of Human Resources for the parish, has expressed his desire to work with the College of Education and Human Development to possibly recruit noncertified teachers and high school students interested in teaching careers.

Mrs. Kimberly Stanley has also met with Einstein Charter and Discovery Schools to obtain partnerships that would potentially increase the enrollment percentage in the certification program.

**MOU/Partnerships:** The Director of Certification and Teacher Quality, Kimberly Stanley, met with the Human Resource Director of St. John the Baptist Parish to discuss future partnerships regarding current teachers of record obtaining state licensure. Topics of discussion regarded possible tuition reimbursement and current certification areas offered by the college.

**Community Outreach:** Kimberly Stanley has currently been working with the PLEASE foundation. A non-profit organization that serves students within the greater New Orleans area to create a high school to higher education pipeline.

#### **College Events and Meetings**

The Center for Certification and Teacher Quality, Kimberly Stanley (Director), and Erika Hernandez (Coordinator) conducted a governance meeting for external stakeholders to gauge the needs of each organization. Those in attendance were Discovery Schools, Plaquemines Parish, Inspire Charter, Einstein Charter, St. Charles Parish, and St. John the Baptist Parish. This meeting aimed to create a collaborative space to build more robust pipelines between institutions. Discussion topics were data analysis, possible partnerships regarding professional developments, district curriculum, candidate expectations, mentor teachers, observation protocol, etc.



**Faculty/Staff Organizers: Kimberly Stanley:** Speaker/Facilitator Erika Hernandez: Coordinator, Janine Mackey: Executive Assistant. Participants from the College of Education: Dean: Dr. Willie Jones, Director of Honoré Program: Mr. Morkeith Phillips

**Senior Social:** The Center for Certification and Teacher Quality in the College of Education and Human Development has organized the first-ever senior social event to celebrate all graduating seniors from the College of Education at SUNO in hopes of recruiting teacher candidates for the certification program. The event will take place on April 22, 2022, in the college of education. School districts were invited to provide students with the opportunity to seek possible job placement. Districts attending are Discovery Schools, St. John the Baptist Parish, Kipp Charter, Warren Easton High School, Kinsley House, Sophie B. Wright, Jefferson Parish, and Plaquemines Parish.

**Faculty/Staff Organizers**: Kimberly Stanley: Speaker/Facilitator Erika Hernandez: Coordinator, Janine Mackey: Executive Assistant.

**State and National Submitted Data Reports:** Kimberly Stanley, Director of Certification and Teacher Quality, is currently working on the CAEP annual report. Mrs. Stanley is also the Assessment Coordinator responsible for the data collection utilized for the report.



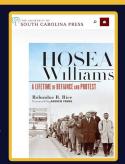


## **COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES**

The Center for African and African American Studies (CAAAS) continues its 2021-2022 Programming Year Celebrating SANKOFA: Lest We Forget! From the Pyramids to the Present.

**April 20, 2022:** CAAAS and Student Affairs Lyceum Committee will host A Virtual Lecture and Discussion- Hosea Williams: A Lifetime of Defiance and Protest featuring renowned Historian and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Rust College, Rolundus R. Rice, Ph.D.

Dr. Rice will probe the life and impact of the indomitable Civil Rights Era protagonist, Hosea Williams. "Hosea Williams was of central importance to the most successful nonviolent revolution for freedom and equality in world history," says Rice.





**April 23, 2022**: Dr. Clyde C. Robertson assisted Dr. Julia B. Battle, NAACP Fine Art Coordinator, with the NAACP ACT-SO AWARDS NEW ORLEANS. Auditions will be held at Southern University New Orleans (SUNO) on Saturday, April 23, 2022. The competition begins at 9:00 am.

What is ACT-SO? ACT-SO stands for Afro-Academic Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics. A year-long achievement program that provides opportunities for African-American high school students to compete in different arts and humanities areas is designed to recruit, stimulate, and encourage high academic and cultural achievement. Additionally, local winners will compete in the National Competition in Atlantic City, New Jersey. There will be prizes of \$2,500 for 1st place, \$1,500 for second place, and \$1,000 for third place.

INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

### **SUNO Athletics returns to the NAIA!**

April 12, 2022: Dr. Clyde C. Robertson, SUNO's Faculty Athletics Representative, accompanied Chancellor Ammons and Athletic Director to the NAIA Convention COP Business Meeting in Kansas City, Missouri (April 8-11). The National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) announced that the Council of Presidents approved the applications of four institutions for membership, including Southern University at New Orleans (LA). The institution has also been approved for membership in the Gulf Coast Athletic Conference.

**April 4, 2022:** Dr. Clyde C. Robertson, PI, received funding (\$29,744), Rank-1 (2nd highest rank in the State)! from the Louisiana Board of Regions Support Fund Grant ATLAS (Awards to Louisiana Artists and Scholars), a significant research program for his work, Pontchartrain Park Pioneers: A documentary of New Orleans' Civil Rights Era Segregated Black Suburb in the City.

Additionally, Dr. Robertson submitted a Deed of Gift to the Amistad Research Center for inclusion and administration of The Pontchartrain Park Oral History Project.

March/April 2022: Ms. Linda Hill, Curator/Archivist of CAAAS, continues to develop the SUNO-CAAAS Archive.

- ► The Archive is currently processing SUNO's History from the notes of the late Dr. Felix James, Professor of History at SUNO.
- ► The Archive has acquired additional holdings from The Guidry-Copeland Collection (March 2022).
- ► The Archive has acquired holdings from the Massive Impact (An Innovative Institute for Capacity Enhancement and Empowerment, Consultancy, Think Tank)- Dr. Morgan Mbeky and Colette Kanda (February 2022).

Kanda and Mbeky Collection holdings consists of a Kuba Basket and Kuba Textiles.

#### **DEPARTMENT ARTS AND HUMANTIES**

#### Dr. Robert Azzarello

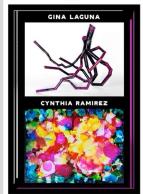
- On March 26th, Dr. Azzarello was featured on a panel at the Tennessee Williams Festival called "Such a Wicked City: New Orleans and the Idea of Decadence.
- On April 4th, Dr. Azzarello received word that he was accepted as an NEH Summer Scholar to participate in an NEH Summer Institute called. "The Imagination and Imaginal Wolds in the Mirror of Buddhism" that will be held in Berkeley June 12-24.
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#### **Prof. Cynthia Ramirez**

• On April 9th, 2022, Prof. Ramirez welcomed the public to her art opening at the Second Story Gallery at the New Orleans Healing Center. The exhibit is titled "Interstellar," It is set to close on May 7th.

#### **HEALTH INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS**

- Mr. John Barrilleaux and Mrs. Sharon McGee attended the Consortium of Baccalaureate and Graduate HIM and HIM Educators from March, 31-April 1, 2022. The consortium is comprised of educators from across the country. Innovated ideas and techniques in HIM education were discussed as trends in the profession.
- Congratulations to Mrs. Laura Douresseaux-Collins, an Adjunct Professor in HIMS (Health Information Management Systems). She was selected by a vote of the association to receive the prestigious Distinguished Member Award at the Louisiana Health Information Management Association Convention, held on March 16-18, 2022, for her professional accomplishments and contributions to the profession. Mrs. Collins has worked both full-time and as an adjunct professor since the onset of the HIMS Program. She was also integral in the initial accreditation for HIMS.











- SUNO held its annual University Honors and Awards Program on April 6, 2022. Mr. John Barrilleaux and Mrs. Sharon McGee attended and were happy to present the Highest GPA Award to HIMS Student Ebony Thompson and the Most Outstanding Student Award to HIMS Student Krischabra Bolds.
- Mr. John Barrilleaux attended the Virtual CAHIIM 2022 Accreditation Process Training Conference on April 8, 2022. This conference reviewed the process for accreditation renewal for SUNO faculty.
   Re-accreditation will be during the 2023-2024 academic year.
- Mr. John Barrilleaux presented Documentation and the Pre-admission assessment in the IRF-PAI. Mr. Barrilleaux presented to a group of clinical liaisons from area inpatient rehabilitation facilities on April 11, 2022.
- Mr. John Barrilleaux joined other College of Arts & Sciences faculty for a recruiting event with Sarah T. Reed High School students on April 13, 2022.
- Mr. John Barrilleaux met with The LHIMA 2023 Convention committee on April 19, 2022, to begin the planning process for the in-person conference next year.
- Mr. John Barrilleaux presented at the John Ehret High School, Marrero, LA, to a group of students attending the Healthcare Occupation Class on April 20, 2022. On that same day, Mrs. Sharon McGee attended the virtual AHIMA Revenue Cycle Practice Council meeting.
- Mr. John Barrilleaux and Mrs. Sharon McGee attended an AHIMA practice council meeting on April 27, 2022. Mr. John Barrilleaux serves as the co-chair of the Coding, Terminologies, and Classifications practice council, and Mrs. Sharon McGee is a member of the Advocacy Leaders Practice Council.

#### INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES PROGRAM

- The Interdisciplinary Studies team participated in Einstein Charter Network
  High School Tour (formerly Sarah T. Reed) Day at the University, held on April
  13, 2022. The Program staff members decorated a table with Program
  brochures and writing utensils.
- The high school students stopped by the table and discussed the Program features with staff members. In an information session held in the College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences auditorium, Dr. Lewis addressed the students.
- The Interdisciplinary Studies Program participated in the Honors and Awards Day Program. Ms. Janine Mackey received an award for having the highest average for the fall 2021 and spring 2021 semesters, and Myiesha Growe received the Outstanding Service Award.
- Ms. Ceaser Noble addressed the students of John Ehret High School on April 20, 2022, in an information session held in the Natural Sciences building. The Program staff members decorated a table with Program brochures and writing utensils. The high school students stopped by the table and discussed the Program features with staff members.

## SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK



Dr. Rebecca Chaisson, Dean and Interim Director of the MSW program, Dr. Julianna Padgett, are preparing to submit an application to the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) for the online option in the MSW program. Dean Chaisson is also the Co-PI on a Board of Regents grant submitted by Dr. Harry Russell. The grant "Enhancing Departmental Infrastructure for Online Capability Capacity Expertise and Broadened Participation" is funded for \$71,047 by the Louisiana Board of Regents. This grant funds training and equipment to enhance and strengthen the technological aspects of online courses in the BSW program.

#### <u>Derrick Freeman, Ph.D.</u>

Dr. Derrick Freeman published "Substance abuse treatment and virtual support: Where we are this far into the Co-vid-19 Pandemic" in a specialization newsletter of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW). His work is distributed nationally to all members of the NASW community in both online and paper formats.

#### Jill Murray, Ph.D.

Dr. Jill E. Murray has been an accreditation site visitor for Council for Social Work Education (CSWE) since 2010. Dr. Murray conducted a CSWE reaffirmation site visit for the BSW Program of University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. Dr. Murray has also been a reviewer for select social work journals in the areas of community organizing and practice.

#### Torin Sanders, Ph.D.

Dr. Sanders is conducting numerous presentations. On March 3 and 25, Dr. Sanders appeared on WBOK1230AM as a guest on the "Good Morning Show." Dr. Sanders discussed mental health, trauma, and education, among other topics. On March 10, Dr. Sanders presented a workshop for the TRIO program at SUNO entitled. "How to handle stress during a pandemic." On March 17, Dr. Sanders served as a panelist for the "Advances in Poverty Elimination Symposium" sponsored by the Tulane School of Public Health. Dr. Sanders' panel topic was entitled "Institutionalized and systemic racism."







### **INTRAMURAL SPORTS/UNIVERSITY CENTER**

Under the direction of our new University Center and Intramural Sports Director, Jorge Hicks, the students return to campus at total capacity; the University Center has been buzzing with activity. Our campus community enjoys water aerobics, water cycling, and recreational swimming in our beautiful university pool.

Intramural sports hosted a 3-on-3 basketball tournament and a flag football tournament. This three-day basketball series culminated with a championship game. The championship team looks forward to defending their title at the next match. Although the flag football tournament was only one day, we look forward to it growing and incorporating flag football teams from area universities.

From bowling tournaments, pool parties to Sip and Paint parties, the University Center is a great location to host events for your organizations.

#### **STUDENT ACTIVITIES AND ORGANIZATIONS**

The Office of Student Activities and Organizations experienced renewed enthusiasm in selecting its new Director, Mr. Jamaal K. Williams. Mr. Williams is a familiar face around SUNO, an alumnus who served as Student Government Association President. Mr. Williams served as Executive Assistant to the Vice-Chancellor of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management.

Although Covid-19 has impacted student life due to many of the regularly scheduled in-person classes still being held online, the Office of Student Activities and Organizations reached out to the students and encouraged leaders to initiate programming to bring a sense of normalcy back on campus.

Our 62nd Miss Southern University at New Orleans, Miss Jessica Thomas, culminated her reign with Queen's Week. The week kicked off with "SUNO's Got Talent." Students and staff showcased their talents, including poetry reading and singing, and some students even dusted off their batons and performed majorette routines. All and all, it was exciting to see students back on campus having fun. The Queen's Brunch was a very touching event in which each member of the royal court shared what being on the royal court meant to them. Miss SUNO presented each member with a beautiful crystal royal diamond award to commemorate their services and reign.





Lastly, but certainly not least, we held our elections for the Student Government Association officers and Royal Court members. Candidates campaigned fervently, posting flyers, handing out gift bags, creating videos on social media platforms, and one candidate even had a marshmallow roasting activity and party bus event. Because elections were taking place during Queen's week activities, Miss SUNO and the SGA President came up with a brilliant idea of having the winners announced at her Sneaker Ball event.

## •2022-2023 SGA PRESIDENT & 63RD MISS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY AT NEW ORLEANS.



Mr. Ronnie Dyer, a senior majoring in Biology from New Orleans, Louisiana, was elected as the 2022- 2023 SGA President. Ms. Daryelle Deshonah Mitchell is the newly elected 63rd Miss Southern University at New Orleans. Ms. Mitchell is a senior majoring in biology from New Orleans, Louisiana.



## STUDENT DEVELOPMENT CENTER

The Department of Counseling Services held its first event since obtaining its new Director, Ms. Kimberly Paige. On March 31, 2022, the event took place in the University Center. The event was entitled "Building Resilience: Refocused & Recovering from Mid-term Week" Counselor Paige wanted to share tips with the students on how to recover from Mid-term week and refocus to finish the semester strong. Counselor Paige opened the discussion by conveying the importance of controlling one's emotions. She referenced the highly criticized event which occurred at the Oscars.

This sparked an intense and profound conversation among the students and group. They were all extremely engaged. Ms. Paige discussed five essential tips and strategies to refocus and become a better student. There were approximately 25 attendees, an excellent outcome for Ms. Paige's first event as the new Director of Counseling Services. Ms. Paige facilitated a "Q & A" game and gave away Prizes which consisted of stress-free goodies and self-care products. After the event, refreshments were served. The event was a huge success.

## STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES

The SUNO Student, Health Services Program continues to make sure that the overall 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. We continue to have our weekly vaccine drive 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.

To assist with ensuring the safety of our university community, under the direction of Student Health Services, the university has hired a full-time Covid Coordinator. The Covid Coordinator assists with maintaining communication and an accurate record of those students, faculty, and staff that must be Covid tested weekly.

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.

### **VETERANS AFFAIRS**

Keshaneoco Johnson, Director of Student Veteran Services, has been selected to represent the ROTC Orleans Battalion at the 2022 Cadet Summer Training Centers of Influence (COI) and Leadership symposium. The Symposium will be held in Fort Knox, Kentucky, from July 12-16, 2022. IoT demonstrates the value of a career as an Army Officer and expertise in leadership training and leader development to COI representatives. Furthermore, Enhance COI representative's understanding and view of Army Officers and the official development process to intern have representatives advocate for Army ROTC with engaged prospects.

## SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY AT NEW ORLEANS RECEIVED THE MILITARY FRIENDLY SILVER AWARD.

The Military Friendly Schools list has set the standard for higher education institutions that provide the best opportunities for veterans and their spouses. This list, organized by VIQTORY, provides a comprehensive guide for veterans and their families using data sources from federal agencies and proprietary survey information from participating organizations.VIQTORY determined methodology, criteria, and weightings with input from the Military Friendly Advisory

Council and independent higher education and military recruitment community leaders. Final ratings were determined by combining the institution's survey scores with the assessment of the institution's ability to meet thresholds for student retention, graduation, job placement, loan repayment, persistence (degree advancement or transfer), and loan default rates for all students and, specifically, for student veterans.

SILVER

SCHOOL

ROTC classes will be held on SUNOs Campus starting fall 2022. SUNO will host Military Science 1 ROTC classes beginning this fall, including physical training and other programs.

#### **CAMPUS POLICE**

Most victims of sexual assault do not report the crime to law enforcement. Many never tell anyone. Then because so few assaults are reported – most perpetrators walk free. Start by Believing is a public awareness campaign designed to end the cycle of silence and change how we respond to sexual assault. Start by Believing Day provides an opportunity for communities across the country and worldwide to unify with a single voice for those who have been the victims of sexual violence: We hear you, and we are here to help.

WHEN SOMEONE TELLS YOU THEY WERE SEXUALLY ASSAULTED, MAKE A PLEDGE TO START BY BELIEVING.

