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COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Dr. Evelyn Harrell, Dean

The Addictive Behavior Counseling and Prevention Program (ABCP)

Mr. Ronald Delaune, a 2017 magna cum laude graduate of the Addictive Behaviors Counseling and Prevention (ABCP) Program completed his studies for the Masters in Counseling degree from Holy Cross College in December 2019 with a 3.9 GPA. The attainment of the degree was the final criterion which made him eligible to test for licensure. Mr. Delaune completed the test and has upgraded his credentials from a Certified Addiction Counselor (CAC) made possible with the attainment of the Bachelor's Degree in ABCP to a Licensed Addiction Counselor (LAC). In February, he will test to become a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC).



Center for African And African American Studies

Dr. Clyde Robertson, Director



AKOBEN (vigilance) Calling the Students of SUNO To Educational, Civic, Cultural & Social Action!

The Center for African and African American Studies held its *Annual Living Legend Program on January 17, 2020*. This year the center honored and recognized Louisiana's own **Anthony Bean**. The Living Legend Award is presented to a grassroots member of the New Orleans African American community for exemplary and lifelong service. The award focuses on the area of education, youth development, community activism, community-based health & wellness, cultural enrichment, and small business development. Mr. Bean was selected because of his life-long commitment and contribution to Black Community Theater and cultural education. This event was held in the Millie M. Charles-School of Social Work Auditorium.

The Center established an Africana Literary Center at McDonough No. 35 Senior High School, 4000 Cadillac St, New Orleans, LA 70122, under the guidance of Mr. Donald Hess, African Studies Instructor. Mr. Lee Green, Principal.

Museum Interior Buildout Organizing Committee

Construction Documents review on Project No. 01-107-05B-13 Part No. F.010038890 *Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences Building – Southern University at New Orleans*

The Archival administration plan proceeded through the Project Manager Tracey Webster. Ms. Hill's office fulfilled a protocol for the Archive buildout for Room 207, which includes a floor plan, furniture and equipment (computer, printer/scanner) as well as, preparation for products and supplies. In addition, an upgraded computer system will provide storage accommodation, additional software workshops, and scanning techniques that yield state of the art archive reception and maintenance.

The Mellon Grant Initiative: Ms. Hill collaborated with Syracuse University, Princeton University, SUNO Forensic Science and SUNO-CAAAS, grant initiative classified original techniques to embolden cultural heritage and secure teaching and preservation by a plan to:

- ◆ Establish best alliance practices and identifying opportunities amongst cohorts
- ◆ Share resources such as space and tools (including administration and personnel)
- ◆ Share archive and collection policies for protocols and procedures
- ◆ Coordinate undergraduate and graduate training programs
- ◆ Coerce collaborative cost sharing
- ◆ Compile an adjoined bidding and funding associated interest
- ◆ Share, enrich, and broaden professional traditions and expertise



Health Information Management Systems

Dr. John Barrilleaux, Director

Professor Sharon McGee has been approved to be a Subject Matter Expert to participate in AHMA Exam Development Projects. Sharon has also completed the requirements to become a AHIMA Approved Revenue Cycle Trainer.

On Saturday January 18th, SUNO Health Information Management Systems (HIMS) Program hosted a Certified Coding Specialist (CCS) Exam Preparation Workshop here on campus. This event was sponsored jointly by Louisiana Health Information Management Association (LHIMA) and Mississippi Health Information Management Association (MHIMA). The six (6) hour interactive workshop provided participants with key information on how to successfully prepare and pass the certification exam. Certified coders are a high demand profession with well-paying jobs. The attendees were HIM professionals from across Louisiana and Mississippi including some SUNO alumni. HIMS faculty members Professor Sharon McGee and Professor John Barrilleaux attended and assisted in facilitating the workshop.



Department of Natural Sciences

Dr. Carl Johnson, Chair

The president of the faculty senate, Dr. Mostafa Elaasar, and the vice president of the faculty senate attended the Board of Supervisors meeting of the Southern University System January 10th 2020 in Baton Rouge. Dr. Tietzel briefly stated the outstanding dedication of the faculty of Southern University at New Orleans to the Board of Supervisors.

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On January 22nd of 2020, Professors of the LSU HSC New Orleans presented to interested students and faculty internship and educational opportunities at LSU Health Sciences Center. Dr. Allison August-Wallace presented details about the Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU) including the inaugural neuroscience research experience. Student Shana Littleton, explained the one year Postbaccalaureate Research Education Program (PREP) s. Dr. Basha explained the graduate school programs (MS, PhD, MD/PhD) .

One of the LaSPACE HIS scholars of SUNO, Ms. Mitchell-Cleveland, won a travel award for the Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students (ABRCMS) November 13th to November 16th 2019 to give a talk about her research of "Using *Caenorhabditis elegans* as a Bio-detector for Radiation."

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS & PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Dr. Igwe Udeh, Dean

Academic Excellence Initiatives

Ms. Christina Clark, a Business Administration major, received the 2019-2020 Greg DeBose Family Scholarship for business majors. This scholarship was made possible by Mr. Gregory DeBose, who earned his BS in Business Administration with a minor in Economics from the College of Business in 1992.. This scholarship was established in recognition of the difference that SUNO made in the life and career of Mr. DeBose whose famous quote is “the life you see today was made possible by God and SUNO, in that order.” Mr. DeBose and his wife, Louise, established the scholarship to encourage students to major in Business Administration, which he considers one of the most useful academic discipline in any college. This is the third year that this \$1,000 scholarship has been offered. To be eligible for the scholarship the student must be a business administration major, at least of junior standing, and with a GPA of 3.00 or better. Applicants must submit three letter of reference, a resume', academic transcripts, and a letter explaining their career goals and how the scholarship will enable them to achieve those goals to the College of Business Office of Student Services no later than June 30 of each year. A College of Business committee is charge with reviewing and recommending a candidate to the Office of the Dean of the College of Business & Public Administration.



SUNO Team Meets to Map Out Study GNO Inclusion Strategy

Interim SUNO Chancellor, Dr. James Ammons, Jr., set up a taskforce headed by the Interim SUNO Chief Administrative Officer, Ms. Laverne Toombs, to map out a strategy for the university's participation in the Study GNO project. Other members of the taskforce are Dr. Igwe E. Udeh, Dean, College of Business & Public Administration, Prof. Harry Doughty, Executive Associate to the Chancellor, and Ms. Ada Kwanbunbumpen, Director, Office of Institutional Effectiveness. Study GNO is a marketing campaign that highlights all higher education institutions in the region and the advantages they offer to prospective students while in college and after graduation. Study GNO is one of the initiatives made possible from an Economic Development Association (EDA) grant awarded to GNO, Inc. The Study GNO marketing campaign will include the creation of a website and regional communication resources for GNO regional partners to utilize. The SUNO team, which held its first meeting on Tuesday, January 28, 2020 at the Bashful Administration Building, is responsible for providing data, images, narratives, and oversight requested by Development Counsellors International (DCI), which has been retained by GNO, Inc. to shepherd the creation of the Study GNO website and regional communication resources.

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS & PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION (Continued)

Computer Information Systems Opportunities with IBM Global University Programs

Four Computer Information Systems (CIS) faculty members and Dr. Igwe E. Udeh, College of Business Dean, participated in a conference call with Valinda Scarbro Kennedy, Global Academic Programs Manager for US Midwest at IBM, on the 27th of January 2020, to explore opportunities for participation in the program. The **IBM Academic Initiative** is the program IBM uses to provide access for faculty and students at accredited academic institutions to use IBM resources for free for teaching, learning and non-commercial research purposes. The topics include data science, cloud computing, security, blockchain, artificial intelligence, systems and more. This is a self-driven, self-directed site and each faculty and student enrolls with their institution issued email address. The **IBM Skills Academy** is the integrated program incorporating a week of faculty training, pre-built and maintained curriculum, hands-on cloud based labs, use cases, quizzes, exams and badges. The critical skills tracks are: artificial intelligence, blockchain, cyber security, data science, IOT, cloud computing, design thinking and quantum computing. The requirement is for faculty who attend the workshop to return to their campus and using the same assets they were trained on begin teaching within a matter of weeks/months building those skills with their students and community. This is designed for all students to leave the campus with a basis understanding of critical technology areas and to be able to apply it to their disciplines. Dr. David Alijani will coordinate subsequent meetings on this after due consultation with departmental and college faculty.

CBA's Culinary Entrepreneurship and Franchise Certificate Program Instructor Presents to NBMOA

Mr. Omar Aziz, the facilitator of the Culinary Entrepreneurship and Franchise Certificate program at SUNO's Small Business Development & Management Institute (SBDMI) attended a meeting of the New Orleans Chapter of the National Black McDonald's Operators Association (MBMOA) on January 23, 2020. Mr. Omar used the opportunity to showcase the numerous benefits that the franchise operators would derive by supporting the certificate program for their employees and potential successors. He reminded the participants that some are aging and with no apparent heir to take over the business, and as such should be in serious hunt for potential buyers of their business or for savvy operators to continue their legacy. NBMOA held a meeting at the SUNO College of Business Building in 2019 and a larger meeting to be hosted by the College of Business is planned for summer 2020.



Small Business Development & Management Institute

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Small Business Development & Management Institute

Cynthia Beaulieu, Director

SBDMI Workshops/Seminars/Trainings/Meetings (December 2019 & January 2020)

- ◆ CBA Monthly Meeting; December 4, 2019; CBA Faculty & Staff.
- ◆ Peer-To-Peer Virtual Quarterly Meeting; December 9, 2019; Best Practices and shared experiences for all Intermediaries participating in the Peer Prospective Model; Nation-wide trainers; Ms. Irma Dixon and Ms. Cynthia Beaulieu.
- ◆ Holiday Gathering for "Call Forward Group"; Saturday, December 14, 2019 participants of Group enjoyed group fun and information on Starting a Business and being a First-Time Home; Ms. Shametria Gonzales & Ms. Cynthia Beaulieu.
- ◆ "SBA Counseling Friday"; partnership with SBA to come to Small Business Incubator building every Friday to meet with business owners as well as our clients that may have difficulty going downtown to SBA office on Canal Street; Ms. Gail Brogan and Mr. Gerald Brooks, SBA Counselors.
- ◆ Louisiana Economic Development (LED) Peer-to-Peer Roundtable; December 19, 2019; 5th of 10 sessions 13 participants; Business owners met for peer-to-peer learning, brainstorming and problem solving. The 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 guest discuss access to new and innovative business and business growth; Ms. Irma Dixon, Facilitator, the Peer-to-Peer Guest Speaker was Mr. Craig Duronslet; Ms Irma Dixon.
- ◆ University Conference; January 6, 2020, welcome faculty and staff to new Semester; SUNO Conference Center; Ms. Thien-Nhi Tran, Ms. Diana Thomas and Ms. Cynthia Beaulieu.
- ◆ Tour of Small Business Incubator for future tenants; January , 2019; Several tours of incubator and what we have to offer potential tenants; Ms. Mary Thomas, Mary & Company, Ms. Diana Thomas, Ms. Thien-Nhi Tran & Ms. Cynthia Beaulieu.
- ◆ Ongoing discussions with program vendors to discuss implementation of the Louisiana Department of Corrections and Public Safety (DPC&S) Prisoner Reentry Initiative Grant; Ms. Angel Von Der Pool, Ms. Thien-Nhi Tran and Ms. Cynthia Beaulieu.
- ◆ Meeting to Develop SBDMI/Incubator upcoming schedule of Seminars/Workshops; Ongoing; Ms. Diana Thomas & Ms. Cynthia Beaulieu.
- ◆ Small and Emerging Business Development (SEBD); (Ongoing); 2 Assessments; Ms. Cynthia Beaulieu.



Office of Student Services

Mrs. Timotea Bailey, Director

- ◆ Pre-advised students for Spring 2020
- ◆ Monitoring the progress of graduating class, particularly 2014 cohort. 20 CBA students completed the requirements for graduation Fall 2019
- ◆ In collaboration with DXC monitoring progress of inaugural AWS Cloud Computing class, in which 23 students have completed the course and have been issued testing vouchers for AWS Foundation Certification
- ◆ CBA leadership and OSS/DXC met with IT Director to establish relationship which would allow CBA students completing CISP 166 course to become Microsoft Office Certified.
- ◆ CBA/OSS honored and paid tribute to Mrs. Gloria Bartley Moultrie, a loyal SUNO daughter and CBA alumni and supporter, upon her retirement after 35 years of service.
- ◆ OSS/DXC hosted a "Wrap-Up" session for Fall CBA graduates
- ◆ OSS/DXC reached out to 53 Delgado graduates and transfer admits in business and technology with offers of scholarship upon admission to SUNO for Spring 2020
- ◆ OSS continued to advise and register continuing and new admit students over the holiday break



COLLEGE OF EDUCATION & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Dr. Willie Jones, Interim Dean

Grants

Child Care Access Means Parents in School (CCAMPIS). Dr. Willie Jones received funding on behalf of the University from the U.S. Department of Education for the CCAMPIS Grant. CCAMPIS is a federally funded competitive grant program, administered through the U.S. Department of Education, intended to support the participation of low-income parents in postsecondary education through the provision of campus-based childcare services. CCAMPIS Program funds may be used either to directly provide childcare services or contract for the provision of childcare services. Grants may be used for before- and/or after-school services. The grant is a four-year grant in the amount of \$226,572. In collaboration with Office of Retention, applications will be accepted through the College of Education's Retention Counselor for assistance with childcare. The goal of this program is to not only increase enrollment and retention at Southern University, but to also provide access to quality childcare close to the University.

Marketing/Recruitment

In the fall 2019 semester, Cordean Hudson, Coordinator of Certification & Teacher Programs attended a Tuition Reimbursement Meeting for non-certified teachers currently employed with Jefferson Parish Schools. The goal of attending the meeting was to increase enrollment in SUNO's Alternative-Certification Only Program and to highlight our Praxis Preparation Workshops. As a result:

- ◆ Six teachers from Jefferson Parish Schools attended the Praxis Prep Math Workshop that was held at SUNO the following day
- ◆ Seven non-certified teachers from Jefferson Parish Schools enrolled in SUNO's Alternative-Certification Only Program

Professional Development

The College of Education and Human Development has released their spring 2020 Workshop calendar. The workshops titles are as follow;

- ◆ Praxis Preparation for Praxis II PLT,
- ◆ Praxis I and II Math (focus on Geometry)
- ◆ Differentiated Instruction and Learning Styles
- ◆ Madeline Hunter Lesson Design
- ◆ Social and Emotional Learning (SEL)
- ◆ Supporting Students Living with Trauma, Violence and Chronic Stress
- ◆ Depth of Knowledge

The Classroom Readiness Workshops are designed to provide attendees with knowledge, skills and competencies that will aid them in becoming reflective practitioners.

The Praxis Workshops are designed to provide key subject matter knowledge needed to successfully pass Praxis exams. Presenters provide detailed explanations and teach strategies to apply to specific question types most likely to be encountered when taking Praxis.

Mr. Morkeith Phillips attended the annual AFP conference. He also completed a course on "Making the Ask" at Valdry Center for Philanthropy.

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT (*Continued*)

Dr. Bordenave attended the 2019 SACSCOC Annual Meeting "The New Moonshot: A Giant Leap for Education", December 7th to December 10th at the George R. Brown Convention Center in Houston, Texas. The sessions provided information and direction for accomplishing the duties of Chair of the Quality Enhancement Committee and Standard 7 Committee.

January 28, 2020, Drs. Jones, Bordenave, and Hegwood participated in a Zoom conference training with Via by Watermark. VIA by Watermark is a learning assessment platform that will provide our college with a more effective way to engage students in their learning journey. VIA will allow students to author and reflect on coursework and learning experiences, visually track their academic growth, store work, showcase what they've learned, and share their best work with others, including potential employers. This system will allow the Teacher Education Department to demonstrate the quality of our academic programs and gather data on learning to make change that supports continuous improvement in our quality assurance process.

MOU/Partnerships

To meet the workforce needs of the largest school system in the state of Louisiana, Southern University at New Orleans and Jefferson Parish School entered into a MOU to establish a Tuition Reimbursement partnership. Jefferson Parish will provide tuition assistance to non-certified teachers who need an endorsement to work in a critical shortage area. The partnership allows teachers to begin the certification process without excessive fees at the beginning of the semester. This MOU will provide a mechanism whereby JP School agrees to pay SUNO for tuition and selected fees each academic year for teachers actively employed with JP Schools.

On January 28, 2020, Dr. Jenita Hegwood met with Stephanie Hall Powell, Superintendent/CEO, and Dr. Samuel Byndom, Deputy Superintendent, of San Antonio Preparatory Charter School to discuss a partnership with the College of Education & Human Development to recruit teachers/staff and to increase professional development for faculty and teachers.

In fall 2019, Jefferson Parish Schools invited SUNO's College of Education and Human Development to attend a tuition reimbursement meeting for non-certified teachers in the school district. At the meeting, college/university representatives were given an opportunity to share information about their respective Alternative Certification-Only Programs with attendees. As a result of that meeting, an MOU was established for the spring semester with Jefferson Parish Schools and SUNO.

Fundraising Activities

Honoré Center produced its Inaugural golf tournament in fall of 2019 with 44 golfers and NFL players, Hall of famer Rickey Jackson, Deuce McAllister, and Tyrone Hughes, Congressman, State Reps, and Community leaders.



COLLEGE OF EDUCATION & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT (*Continued*)



Curriculum Development

Dr. Celina Carson developed the Nutrition and Wellness Certification curriculum which was approved by the SUNO Curriculum Committee. The courses offered in this certification align with the Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (AAFCS), the accreditation agency for the Child Development and Family Studies program in the College of Education and Human Development, FCS Standard 4 – Nutrition, Wellness, and Food Science competencies. These courses will cover STD 4:12 competencies set forth in the Family and Consumer Sciences Examination Series to ensure students successfully complete the AAFCS credential examination.

The demand for culturally competent health and nutrition professionals remains strong as health care reform has led to a continued emphasis on disease prevention and wellness promotion, and as the elderly and multicultural populations continue to age and expand. Meeting this need by developing students' understanding of the human body regarding health and disease, exercise, nutrition, and stress management is critical. In addition, this certification will build students' awareness of ways to link careers and graduate level training to the growing health and wellness profession. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics (2018), employment in the field of nutrition and dietetics is expected to grow by 16% by 2021 (*Job outlook, 2016-26 at 15%, much faster than average*). The Nutrition and Wellness certification will prepare students for careers in private and public health nutrition organizations, State and Federal government agencies such as USDA, FDA, WIC (Women, Infants, and Children), Center for Food Safety, and Congregated Meals programs as Consultants (e.t., Weight Management, Diabetes Management, Eating disorders, Sport nutrition), Food and Nutrition managers, Nutrition Educators, and Consumer Educator.

From an interdisciplinary perspective, Educational Studies majors would be highly qualified in the Public Health Educators profession with a HN certification. The HN certification could equip Forensic Science majors with supplemental knowledge leading to careers in Environmental Forensics. With an HN certification, Business and Public Administration majors could strengthen opportunities to competently expand their career options into a growing industry striving to meet the increasing health-conscious population demand.

Community Outreach

After her presentation to Dr. Bordenave's CDFS 470 Special Topics class in Summer of 2017, Ms. Cashauna Hill, Executive Director of Louisiana Fair Housing Action Center, has continued to provide the College of Education and Human Development with opportunities to attend community-related events. Faculty, staff and students were invited to attend the Fit for a King 2020 summit, Geographies of Change: 25 Years of Fair Housing Advocacy, on January 16th, 9:00am-3:00pm at the New Orleans Jazz Market (1436 Oretha Castle Haley Blvd.). In her invitation to Dr. Bordenave, Ms. Hill states, "I'm reaching out to invite you and your students to a couple of events that my office is hosting in mid-January. Your students are always so bright and insightful - I would love to have some of them join us! Please note that if you have students who want to attend the reception, but the price is too steep, I would be happy to work something out - you can just put them in touch with me and we'll go from there."

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT (*Continued*)

Renee Corrigan, Education and Outreach Director of The Fair Housing Action Center, upon recommendation of the Executive Director, requested a meeting on January 24, 2020 via email, to set up a partnership with SUNO to apply for funding from HUD to conduct education and outreach activities across Louisiana to inform housing consumers about their fair housing rights. A particular area of focus of this project is reaching those who are especially vulnerable to sexual harassment by housing providers, which is illegal but unfortunately quite common, particularly lower-income women and women of color, are often targeted for this sort of harassment. The Fair Housing Action Research Center would like to work with SUNO to distribute fair housing information to students that could take the form of a brochure, information that could be emailed to students or shared on social media, training for staff, and/or Fair Housing Action Center staff tabling at student events.

A meeting to discuss next steps has been scheduled for Tuesday, February 4, 2020 with Dr. Jones, Dean of the College of Education and Human Development, Dr. Bordenave and Ms. Corrigan.

Early Childhood/Head Start Center

An RFP for the leasing of the Early Childhood Center/Head Start has been posted on the Louisiana Procurement and Contract Network (LaPAC) website. SUNO requests proposals from qualified early childhood providers desiring to manage the operation of an Early Childhood/Head Start Center on an exclusive basis. The proposal open date is March 31, 2020. The successful respondent shall be granted the privilege of leasing the 6175 square foot for the Head Start and 6997 square foot for the Early Childhood Center. Early Childhood/ Head Start Center for the purposes of offering nurturing and educational programs that ensure the optimal physical, social, emotional and intellectual development of each child enrolled. Proposers responding to this RFP must describe in detail Early Childhood Center/Head Start Center operational plans and other solutions offered by the vendor that would enable SUNO to offer a state-of-the-art childcare facility environment for the community, students, faculty and administration. SUNO seeks to conduct business with an established provider that can demonstrate experience in early childhood operations and management that is recognized by the Louisiana Department of Education as a Type III childcare provider. Provider must demonstrate clear and measurable evidence that it has a corporate philosophy that reflects best practices in early care and education.

SUNO requires that the program:

- ◆ provide a safe, healthy and nurturing environment;
- ◆ assist each child in the development of positive self-worth through personal success and positive environment;
- ◆ develop partnership with families and communities;
- ◆ provide representation of children and adults of differently ethnicity, ages, cultures, languages, socioeconomic groups, and abilities through enrollment, hiring procedures and programming;
- ◆ adhere to quality and environmentally responsible standards in the design and construction conducive to a code compliant, high quality building and childcare program;
- ◆ Plan and manage the center operations autonomously; and provide ongoing services and demonstrating high quality care aligned with the mission of the University and College of Education & Human Development.

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

Dr. Rebecca Chaisson, Dean

The focus of work this month is on the self-study process for the upcoming reaffirmation visit by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE). Dean Chaisson, Dr. Russell, Professor Montegut, and the Director of Internships/Field, Catherine Kalob, are working collaboratively to complete Volume I of the study. Two consultants paid for by Title III, Dr. Beverly Favre and Dr. Ronald Mancoske are reviewing documents and providing critical feedback. The reaffirmation visit is scheduled for this fall.

In addition, the School of Social Work is recruiting students for the spring, summer and fall semesters while revising policies for the BSW and MSW programs. Dr. Russell reports a slight decrease in numbers for the MSW program for the spring however, ten new students are accepted for the Spring Semester which brings the number to more than 200 MSW students. The School continues to work on the BSW program, under Professor Claude Montegut with a number of changes forthcoming.

Dean Chaisson is also working with the Inter-organization Committee (IOC) for the State of Louisiana and the rules committee of the Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners (LABSWE) to examine the need for changes in the rules and regulations of state licensing law. Both organizations are engaged in the regulation of social work practice in the state of Louisiana.

Donations

The School is grateful to the local FBI and especially Mrs. Elnora Fournier for facilitating the donation of beautiful poinsettias that graced the lobby area over the holidays and six lovely chairs that will be used for students, faculty, and staff. The FBI is able to donate some items that are considered surplus in their office.

Graduate Admissions

The School of Social Work welcomed ten (10) new students in the MSW program for spring 2020. The applicants in the Spring semester are part-time enjoying foundation course work before entering the internship program. The School is currently accepting and reviewing applications for summer/fall 2020 semesters until March 31, 2020.

Derrick Freeman, Ph.D.

The Social Work Healthcare Education and Leadership Scholars (Social Work HEALS) program educates and trains social workers from the Social Work schools across the country to strengthen the delivery of health care services in the United States. The Southern University at New Orleans School of Social Work was awarded this five-year grant to aid in creating a cohort of health care social work leaders at every professional level (including BSW, MSW, and Ph.D./DSW students and post-doctoral graduates) together with practice, research, and policy mentors, and leaders. SUNO is one of **ten** Universities selected for this award. The Council on Social Work Education and the New York Community Trust provides funding for this project.



SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK (*Continued*)

The following scholars are the recipients of scholarship funds for the 2019-2020 academic year: Trinette Bolding, MSW student; Tremeka Coleman, MSW student; Amy Flesh, BSW student; and Tiawana Jones, BSW student.

As part of the program, HEALS Scholars take part in a student summit each year in Washington, D.C., to learn about and take part in the policy-making process. At the previous Student Summits, scholars heard personal stories from social workers in healthcare and social workers who work on Capitol Hill about the critical role of social work in shaping and implementing health policy.

These four scholars and Dr. Derrick Freeman (Assistant Professor of Social Work and the Grant PI-pictured above) will be attending the Student Summit on March 17-18, 2020, in Washington, DC. The two-day summit will conclude on Capitol Hill, and the students will meet with their representatives to discuss various policies and bills – such as *The Improving Access to Mental Health Act*, the *Social Worker Safety Act*, and *Public Service Loan Forgiveness*, etc.

Each year, the HEALS Scholars have rated the Summit as one of the most beneficial experiences of the program. The HEALS scholars who were recipients over the past years have expressed the group's interest in the possibility of publishing a scholarly journal article covering various aspects of Social Work HEALS. Dr. Freeman and the HEALS scholars are exploring options and plan to continue this conversation at the Summit in Washington, DC.

Harry Russell, Ph.D., Director of MSW Program

The MSW program had 196 students enrolled. A spring enrollment was added, late into the fall semester attracting 10 students who registered during this semester. We now have 16 full time faculty for this semester, and 18 adjunct faculty members. These numbers help us to sustain accreditation standards. Preparation for accreditation continues with syllabi revisions that are forwarded to faculty who have been working to adjust them accordingly. Dr. Russell continues to coordinate with Dr. Belisle to identify and apply for grant funding to support the mission of the School of Social Work. Discussions to revisit a certificate program and to establish a new certificate program are in progress.

Highlights in Social Work January 2020

- ◆ Ten (10) new MSW students in SSW
- ◆ Washington DC Conference for HEALS Scholars at SUNO (SUNO one of ten Schools nationwide selected for HEALS) Four (4) HEALS Scholars at SUNO.
- ◆ Director of HEALS, Dr. Derrick Freeman awarded travel scholarship to attend HEALS in Washington D.C.
- ◆ 206 MSW students spring 2020
- ◆ Title IV-E to develop on-line Certificate program
- ◆ Title IV-E recruiting BSW and MSW students for fall tuition scholarships
- ◆ Eight (8) School of Social Work faculty members donate to SUNO
- ◆ Local FBI donates to School of Social Work-ten (10) plants and six (6) chairs

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK (*Continued*)

Monique Hurst, MSW & Camille Alexander, MSW- Title IV-E

The Title IV-E Scholar recruitment process is underway. Four students are interested in applying for this award, which pays tuition (see student below at the table). The Program Assistant, Monique Hurst met with four individuals who expressed interest in this program. The application deadline is February 14, 2020. This internship and training program prepares students for work in the Child Welfare system while paying tuition to students who are required to work in the state's child welfare agencies. The program provides additional training on SUNO's campus and recently, Ms. Hurst facilitated a workshop lead by Patricia Thompson and Lynette Caldwell, Social Workers from the Louisiana Division of Children and Family Services Office. The workshop "The Use of your senses for Observation, Assessment and Documentation when working with Families" was conducted on January 24, 2020 at the Millie M. Charles School of Social Work.



The quarterly Title IV-E Alliance meeting took place on Friday, January 24th in Opelousas, LA. The group discussed current goals and program outcomes as well as budgetary needs and programmatic plans for the upcoming renewal for 2020-23 funding cycle. In addition to representation from SUNO, faculty, administrators, and staff members from Northwestern, ULM, Grambling, SUBR, Southeastern, LSU, Department of Children & Family Services, and the Louisiana Child Welfare Training Academy participated in this planning meeting. Andrew Fultz, LA Title IV-E Child Welfare Program Manager and Kay Casey, Title IV-E grant consultant, conducted the meeting..



COMMUNITY OUTREACH & UNIVERSITY ADVANCEMENT

Ms. LaVerne Toombs, Interim Chief Administrative Officer

Planning Committee Highlights

On Thursday, January 16, 2020, SUNO Planning committee held its first meeting; it was very productive and promising as we work together to move Southern University at New Orleans forward. The committee is committed to in leading the University in the right direction to secure the necessary funds to provide scholarships to deserving students.

SUNO Day Worship for a Cause

Hosts: Reverends Torin Sanders and C.S. Gordon, Jr.

The Host Pastors are contacting pastors that are graduates of SUNO, as well as the Ministerial Alliances and members of the Louisiana Missionary Baptist State Convention.



**Interim Chancellor James H. Ammons, Jr., Ph.D.
& New Orleans Mayor LaToya Cantrell**



Fundraising Mixer at Windsor Court Hotel



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