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CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

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Russell
L. Honoré

GOLF

*for
Scholars*



Honoré Center Hits Hole-In-One With Inaugural Golf Tournament

The Inaugural Russel L. Honoré Golf for Scholars Tournament attracted 44 players on Nov. 22 at the Joseph M. Bartholomew Sr. Municipal Golf Course, located across the street from the university. The players included New Orleans Saints , such as Deuce McAllister, Tyrone Hughes and NFL Hall of Famer Rickey Jackson, Congressman Cedric Richmond and a host of other business people and alumni.

The team led by James Brown won first place and the second place team was led by Lester Pourciau. Eric Jones had the longest drive, while Angela Dortch was closest to the pin.



First place Team Captain James Brown, from left, Closest to the Pin Winner Angela Dortch and General Russel L. Honoré

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- Sunday Morning Journal Host Hal Clark



Honore Center Director MorKeith Phillips (third from left) and Gen. Russel L. Honoré (sixth from left) stand with the Honoré Men

Giving Spirit



The Comptroller's Office hosted a Thanksgiving Food Drive in November. The collected food was donated to the SUNO Food Pantry.

Mr. College of Business Denzel Fields, who also serves as president of Information Systems Control and Audit Association (ISACA) (pictured) and Ayden Le, president of Phi Beta Lambda, hosted a food drive to benefit the Second Harvest Food Bank and the SUNO Food Pantry. The duo collected 539 pounds of food.





SUS DXC Project Manager Yolander Smith

Louisiana Economic Development check presentation for Southern University System DXC Partnership at Southern University Baton Rouge Homecoming

DXC Team Celebrates First Anniversary



► Dr. Paris F. Favorite, director of the Forensic Science Program, attended the Annual Torchbearers Award Gala Nov. 8 to be honored for “African American Women in STEM” placements after receiving their bachelor’s degree from Southern University at New Orleans. She was nominated by the National Coalition of 100 Black Women – Greater New Orleans Chapter to recognize the accomplishments of outstanding African American women.



◀ Charles Bolden, pictured fourth from the right, received the Above and Beyond Award from the Southern University System Board of Supervisors at its November meeting. Also pictured from left are President/Chancellor Ray L. Belton, Supervisors Edwin Shorty and Arlanda Williams, Interim Chancellor James H. Ammons, Board Chair Domoine D. Rutledge, and Supervisors Samuel C. Tolbert Jr. and John L. Barthelemy.

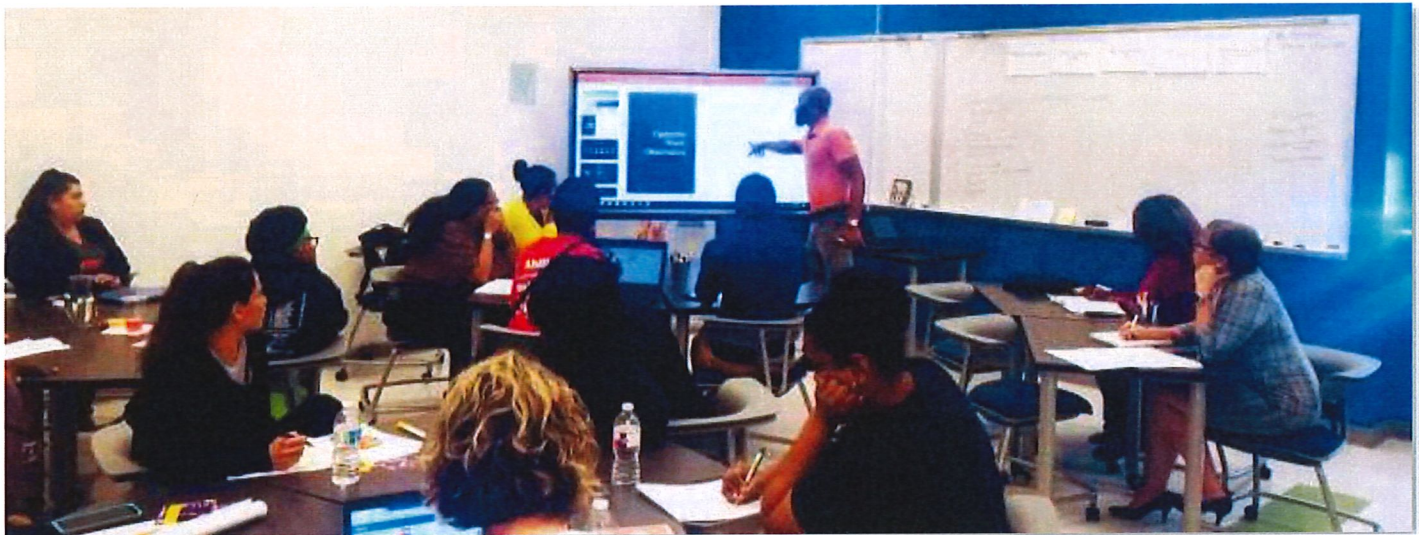


◀ Five Computer Information Systems (CIS) Graduate Students presented their final research projects Nov. 27. The Research and Application Development course (CISP 698) introduces students to research methods and provides an opportunity for students to develop individual problem-solving applications. The research methods component provides a solid foundation for conducting literature reviews, identifying problems, developing applications and reporting findings. Students typically develop applications in their area of interest based on current technology trends.

Those presenting were Chris J. Clark (**Research Topic:** *Design and Development of Vote Casting System to Promote Voter participation*; **Supervisor:** Dr. David Alijani); Tolulope A. Okuboyejo (**Research Topic:**

Real-Time Scheduling for Critical Patients Using ESI Algorithm; **Supervisor:** Dr. David Alijani); Johnathan M. Parnell (**Research Topic:** *How to Strengthen the Security Clearance Process*; **Supervisor:** Dr. David Alijani); Manuel M. Maximillion (**Research Topic:** *Community Watchdog: A Case for Using Technology to Enhance Security*; **Supervisor:** Dr. Samuel Eweni); Mary N. Ntukogu (**Research Topic:** *Gaps Between Students and Instructors During Help-Seeking Behavior*; **Supervisor:** Dr. Obyung Kwun).

A series of questions and answers between the presenter and the audience followed each 20-minute presentation. Audience members were given the opportunity to submit an evaluation of the relevance, clarity and presentation skill of the research topic and the presenter.



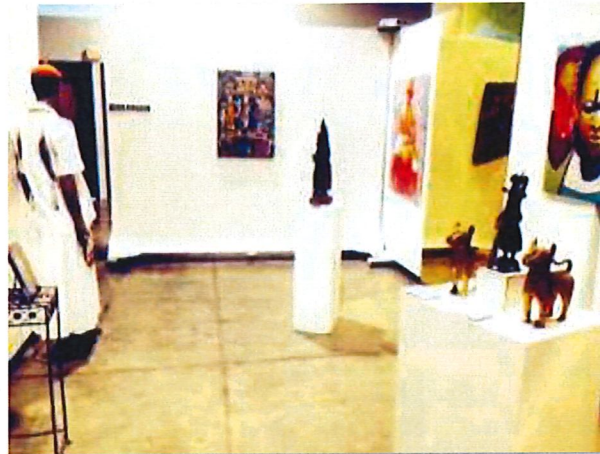
▲ Both the Department of Teacher Education and Child Development and Family Studies faculty recruited in Jefferson and Plaquemines parishes, and at Nunez and Delgado community colleges. As a result of these recruitment efforts, 14 individuals have requested and received information regarding the Educational Studies and Child Development and Family Studies programs.

The Department of Teacher Education hosted three conferences: (1) Making the Most of Your Year (2) Effective Classroom Management Strategies and (3) The Seven Habits of Highly Effective Teachers.

The department also hosted four PRAXIS Preparation workshops: two for mathematics (PRAXIS I and II), Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT), and science (PRAXIS Elementary science and Secondary Biology).

The CAAAS Celebration Begins

The Center for African and African American Studies (CAAAS), in association with the Association of Nigerians in New Orleans (ANNO) and the Ashé Cultural Arts Center, hosted the Exploring The Diaspora Series-A Multi-Disciplinary Exhibition Nov. 13-15 at the Ashé Cultural Arts Center. The exhibit showcased the People, Culture & History of Benin City (Benin Empire). CAAAS co-sponsored the exhibit featuring the Benin Kingdom. The exhibit included bronzes, paintings and textiles from the historic city of Benin, Nigeria. CAAAS Director Clyde Robertson served as the Consultant to the Exploring The Diaspora Committee.



CAAAS hosted its Annual Kwanzaa Celebration Nov. 18 at McDonogh No. 35 High School. N'KaFu, A Traditional African Dance Company, under the direction of Founder and Artistic Director Mariama Curry, presented a choreographed Interpretation of the theme, "AKOBEN: Calling the Students of New Orleans to Cultural Action!"

Invited guests included students from Dr. Clyde Robertson's Humanities Classes (HUMA 210 & 314), McDonogh No. 35, Arthur Ashe Charter School, Andrew H. Wilson Elementary School, McDonogh No. 42 School, St. Katharine Drexel School, Schaumburg Elementary School, Jenyiah Fernandez, a representative from KIPP-Central City Academy at Carter G. Woodson School, and Nylha Holmes, a representative from KIPP-Central City Primary at Sylvania F. Williams School.



◀ One of SUNO's SOARS students, Roshawn Mitchell-Cleveland won a travel award to the Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students (ABRCMS) in Anaheim, CA Nov. 13-16. She gave a talk about her research entitled "Using *Caenorhabditis elegans* as a Bio-Detector for Radiation on Microfluidic Chip." She is a mentee of the principal investigator of the LaSPACE HIS SOARS grant Dr. Illya Tietzel, and the Co-Investigators Drs. Rachid Belmasrou and Mostafa Elaasar.

▶ Dr. Ibrahim Ekaidi, professor of Biology, took seven Biology majors to the HBCU Day Workshop at LSU Health Shreveport Nov. 15. LSU Health Shreveport is committed to recruiting highly qualified minority students for their medical school, graduate or allied health programs. The workshop provides faculty, staff and administrators an opportunity to interact with potential recruits. Dr. Ekaidi organized and arranged the all-expensed trip to Shreveport through the LSU Health Shreveport Office of Diversity Affairs.



Elementary Education Students Research Anti-Bullying Campaigns

Dr. Deborah Darby, assistant professor of Elementary Education, has involved students in her fall courses in discussions, activities and research regarding "Anti-Bullying Campaigns in Schools." Her research is ongoing across semesters. The goal is to raise the awareness of teacher candidates as it relates to this pervasive problem in grades K-12 – and post-secondary arenas. This effort is particularly helpful in her "Diverse Learners" and "Introduction to Teaching" courses.

Students have created (and acted out) scenarios about bullying, considering: understanding bullying, warning signs for bullying and bullying prevention and intervention tips. A beneficial by-product of this research for future educators is to raise the awareness of SUNO students of self-reflection regarding needed dispositions in the field of education. Given the proliferation of violence on school campuses across the nation, the highlight on bullying is crucial.

Karen M. Washington, administrative assistant in the General Student Program was inducted Nov. 25 as a member of the Xi Phi Chapter of Phi Alpha National Honor Society, a National Honor Society for Social Work, by Dr. Torin T. Sanders, and Dr. Hyacinth McKee, the co- advisors.

A new ancillary program - Nutrition and Wellness Certification - was approved by the University Curriculum Committee in November. The program was developed by Dr. Celina Carson, assistant professor of Child Development and Family Studies.

Dr. Robert Azzarello gave a talk about his new book, *Three Hundred Years of Decadence: New Orleans Literature and the Transatlantic World*, at the Louisiana Book Festival in Baton Rouge Nov. 2. He also presented a paper called "New Orleans and Critical University Studies in Black and White" at the South Atlantic Modern Language Association Conference Nov. 23.

On behalf of the College of Education and Human Development, a donation of \$1,600 was provided to Eboni Johnson, a 2017 Certification-Only completer, to upgrade her technology initiative at Terrytown Elementary School. Ms. Johnson was chosen as the Outstanding Teacher of the Year at the school.

In other news, six Certificate-Only candidates were enrolled as interns during the Fall 2019 semester. Two of the interns are Robert Noyce STEM scholar interns.



Dr. Deborah Darby, assistant professor of Elementary Education, has received a \$1,500 Matching Fund Community Partnership Grant from the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Foundation. The grant supports after-school, summer educational and arts programs offered by non-profit organizations in Louisiana.

In addition to teaching students to play instruments, the goal of the grant is to enhance life-long math skills. She has received this grant since 2015.

Dr. Darby also has received the Foundation Outreach Award since 2014. The grant's goal is to expose participants to the music/arts festival and to reinforce the academic and social implications of this exposure.

Fine Arts Professor Cynthia Ramirez exhibited a Day of the Dead Altar in the Enrique Alfarez Sculpture Garden in City Park Oct. 28-Nov. 5 in collaboration with Wednesdays with Enrique musical events. This event was sponsored by the Helis Foundation.

She exhibited another Day of the Dead Altar at Algiers Regional Library, Oct. 24-Nov. 13. It was sponsored by Tulane's Stone Center for Latin American Study.

Professor Ramirez also presented a lecture at Tulane University on the Mexican celebration on Day of the Dead and conducted a Sugar Skull workshop for Professor Heather Knight's Tulane "NOLA Cities of the Dead" class on Oct. 31.



Drs. Christian Clement, Rachid Belmasrou, John-Clifford Obih, Mostafa Elaasar hosted a Benjamin Franklin High School student, Kayla Carey, on campus for research and educational activities during the Fall 2019 semester. As part of her high school training at Benjamin Franklin High School, Kayla had to be supported by a university to engage in research activities and to be mentored, exposing her to a specialized skillset and advanced knowledge to properly prepare her for higher education and future prospects in medical school. Kayla was sponsored under SUNO's participation in the Minority Serving Institutions Partnership Program in the Pipeline Development of Skilled Workforce in STEM through Advanced Manufacturing (STEAM) grant funded by the Department of Energy/National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA). Kayla investigated Antibacterial Properties of *Garcinia kola* herb used in homeopathy and other ailments and made important further drug findings. She will present her work at Benjamin Franklin High School and at SUNO Research Day 2020.

Journal Article Publication in the College of Business

- Obyung Kwun, Ghasem S. Alijani, and Mohammed A. Khaleel, "Adoption of Virtual Reality in Learning among HBCU Students," *Global Journal of Business Pedagogy* Volume 3 Number 1, pp. 116-124.
- Patricia Robertson, "Russian Hacking and the Essence of Decisions," *Race, Gender and Class Journal*, Volume 25, pp. 3-4, 2018
- Patricia Robertson, "Effectiveness of New Orleans Non-Profits Management and Leadership," *International Journal of Leadership, Education, and Business Studies (IJLEBS)* Volume 3 Issue 1 Spring 2019



Dr. Deneen Lewis and Ms. Nyla Noble of General Studies attended a Big Times in the Big Easy workshop at the University of New Orleans, Nov. 9. It was entitled: "Queer and Trans Resilience in the Therapy Room: Supporting Clients Navigating Gender and Sexual Orientation."

On Nov. 18, Dr. Douglas Marshall was accepted to participate in the LOUIS OER Commons Faculty Cohort Program. This program is comprised of five Communication and Business professors who will work to develop a common syllabus for already existing open resource textbooks to help reduce costs for students.

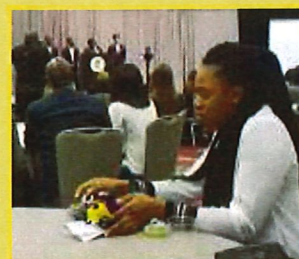
Dr. Haitham Eid, director of the Museum Studies Program, attended his first meeting as a board member of the National Advisory Board for the National Arab American Museum, the first museum in the United States devoted to Arab American history and culture. The meeting took place Nov. 16 in Detroit, MI.



The SUNO DXC Team took a recent tour of the Supply Chain at Walmart Distribution Center in Robert, LA.



CBA graduate student Mary Ntukogu attended the Bayou Classic Career Networking Opportunity Nov. 29.



The College of Education & Human Development Faculty supported and provided leadership in re-establishing the Education Club. The club president is Rolanda Warren, a Robert Noyce STEM scholar.

The Education Club supported a Trunk or Treat event at Pierre Capdau Elementary School in late November. More than two hundred bags of candy were distributed to the students.



Alumni Spotlight



Quintin R. Garrus, a 2012 Public Administration and History graduate, has established the Quintin R. Garrus scholarship. The founder/tax specialist of Fatman Tax Services, Mr. Garrus said the scholarship is his way of giving back to the university.

“Through my education at SUNO, I have been fortunate to establish a sound business,” he said. “Southern University at New Orleans was the start of my newfound reality that I am capable of succeeding in any endeavor. Through my matriculation at SUNO, I realized that nurturing is so important. I established a network with faculty, staff, and peer students.

“This scholarship is my way of giving back to the university that nurtured me so that I may now nurture others,” he added.

His motto is: “A University for a Scholar should be like Roots to a Tree! Once that tree can bear fruit, it has the responsibility to germinate after harvest! So a scholar must continue to help cultivate the collegiate soil of his/her roots!”