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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL SCIENCES

Dr. Carl Johnson, Chair

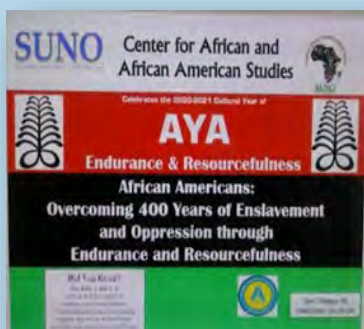
Southern University at New Orleans' (SUNO's) Minority Science and Engineering Improvement Program (MSEIP), under the leadership of Dr. Murty S. Kambhampati, was awarded \$26,500 by the U.S. Department of Education. This grant is to be used to provide stipends to qualified STEM majors.

DEPARTMENT OF ARTS AND HUMANITIES

Dr. Douglas Marshall, Interim Chair

Marco Altamirano, Adjunct Professor in Arts & Humanities, was featured on the cover of the August issue of ¿Que Pasa? magazine for his documentary on Covid in New Orleans. The magazine can be viewed at <http://online.fliphtml5.com/oysf/xwwg/#p=1>.

CENTER FOR AFRICAN AND AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES

Dr. Clyde Robertson, Director

The Celebration Begins...The Center for African and African American Studies (CAAAS) begins its 2020-2021 Year Celebrating **AYA-Endurance & Resourcefulness**. The African Adinkra symbol of endurance and resourcefulness is the **Fern**.

MUSEUM STUDIES PROGRAM

Dr. Haitham Eid, Director

Dr. Sara Hollis, Professor of Museum Studies and Arts Editor for Peace Corps publication Friends of Nigeria, has published an article by Dr. Ezeoluomba, Museum Studies' Adjunct Professor and Curator of African Art at the New Orleans Museum (NOMA), entitled "Transcontinental Modernism: Jacob Lawrence & the Artists of Black Orpheus." Dr. Hollis was also elected to the SUNO Faculty Senate as a representative of the College of Arts and Sciences.



COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Dr. Willie Jones III, Interim Dean



SUNO graduate Breonna Taylor was chosen as **Teacher of the Year** at Lowery Elementary School in Ascension Parish. Ms. Taylor majored in Elementary Education at SUNO.

LEONARD S. MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Atty. Shatiqua Mosby-Wilson, Director

The Leonard S. Washington Memorial Library Team will be featured at the Louis Users Conference (LUC) next week. LUC is a yearly event showcasing best practices in librarianship and access to affordable learning projects within Louisiana. It is partly funded by the Board of Regents.



The SUNO Library Team will discuss their response to COVID-19 and how they were able to implement and sustain best practices that can be modeled across the state. The library's proposal received high remarks. Library Director Shatiqua Mosby-Wilson will also serve as one of the 17 featured keynote speakers.

CAMPUS POLICE DEPARTMENT

Bruce Adams, Police Chief



The Southern University at New Orleans Police Department has received an award of \$124,000 from the Department of Justice Awards for Law Enforcement Hiring to Advance Community Policing. The COPS Hiring Program is a competitive grant program designed to reduce crime and advance public safety through community policing. This effort provides government funding for the hiring of career law enforcement officers to enhance local community policing strategies and tactics. The COPS Office received appropriately 1,100 applications requesting more than 4,000 law enforcement positions. The SUNO Police Department is only 1 of 3 university police departments in the United States to be awarded this grant for 2020.

To learn more about COP, please visit <https://cops.usdoj.gov/chp>. For additional information about the COPS Office, please visit www.cops.usdoj.gov.

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS & PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Dr. Igwe Udeh, Dean

Computer Information Systems (CIS) Students Earn AWS IT Certification

Congratulations to CIS students Christina Balbosia, Harry Bonnet, and Irenisha Newman for earning the highly coveted Amazon Web Services (AWS) Foundation Certification. AWS certifications demonstrate and validate technical cloud knowledge and skills to help IT professionals highlight in-demand skills.



Christina Balbosia



Harry Bonnet



Irenisha Newman

Computer Information Systems (CIS) Students Participate in Microsoft Conference

As part of their existing partnership, the College of Business & Public Administration's Office of Student Services (OSS) collaborated with DXC Technology in preparing SUNO CIS students to participate in the Microsoft Ignite 2020 Conference as IT Student Ambassadors. Chosen for their communication skills, academic excellence and leadership capabilities were Desha Wise, President of the SUNO CIS Club, and Andre Jones. The entire group, which also included students from Southern University – Baton Rouge (SUBR), Dillard, Xavier, and Grambling, was led by the Southern University System (SUS) DXC Project Manager, Yolander Smith.

Panelists discussed their passion for technology, personal journeys, and goals to transform the world of technology. Visit <https://myignite.microsoft.com/sessions/650efe73-a643-471f-be73-2907a0f32de2> for a recording of the session.

Announcing our **Microsoft Ignite 2020 Humans of IT Student Ambassadors!**

Logos for Southern University, Dillard University, SUNO, and Microsoft are displayed at the top.

 Cole Ellis Southern University – Baton Rouge	 Kaylynn Armstrong Southern University – Baton Rouge	 Porscha Cowans Southern University – Baton Rouge	 Shelsa Ross Southern University – Baton Rouge	 Taylor Bolton Southern University – Baton Rouge	 Tylan Bolden Southern University – Baton Rouge	 Desha Wise Southern University – New Orleans	 Andre Jones Southern University – New Orleans
 Errol Blaize Jr Grambling State University	 Danielle Riles Grambling State University	 Nakiaus Glosson Grambling State University	 Ay'Veon Stewart Grambling State University	 Ebonee Swann Grambling State University	 Trent Dalcourt Dillard University	 Daylon Daye Dillard University	 Tyrese Triggs Dillard University
 Malik Frazier Xavier University	 Kaycee Tate Xavier University	 Jeffrey Boudreaux Xavier University	 Lauren Gray Xavier University	 LeeRoy Gaseller Xavier University	 Olivia Asemota Xavier University		

Join the Microsoft Humans of IT community at <https://aka.ms/HumansofIT>

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

*Dr. Rebecca Chaisson, Dean***Dr. Derrick Freeman Appointed to Committee**

Dr. Derrick Freeman was selected by the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) to serve as a Committee Member on the Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs (ATOD) Specialty Practice Section. Dr. Freeman's term begins immediately and ends on June 30, 2022.

**Dr. Damekia Morgan Selected for Essay Collection**

Dr. Damekia Morgan has been selected as part of a cohort of scholars to author a collection of essays. Dr. Morgan's article will be one of 10 featured in the Data Center – Systemic Inequity Essay Collection. The papers are expected to inform decisions around restructuring the economy, funding priorities, and critical systems' future functioning in New Orleans. The essay collection will be published by the Data Center and promoted to 400 local, national, and international media outlets. Papers will be published collectively on a rolling basis beginning in March of 2021.

Dr. Harry Russell Television Interview

Dr. Harry Russell was recently interviewed on WGNO (television) where he discussed the “**Storm Bridge**” program. Drs. Russell, Julianna Padgett, and Professor Claude Montegut are members of the team of social workers responsible for bringing program to the greater New Orleans community. Storm Bridge is a racial dialogue program that engages groups in productive healing discussions about race and trauma. Dr. Russell is leading the effort to initiate this program in the Covid-19 and Black Lives Matter environments since there is a need for greater dialogue about these topics in most communities across the country. The interview can be viewed online at <https://wgno.com/news/local/wgno-forward-race-in-our-city-episode-107/>.

**Dr. Torin Sanders Featured on Radio**

On August 31, 2020, Dr. Torin Sanders was the featured guest from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. on “The Good Morning Show,” a radio program on WBOK 1230AM. The topic discussed was: “Lessons learned from Katrina and Covid-19.” Dr. Sanders was notified of a grant award in the amount of \$100,000 on September 9, 2020 from the Edward Wisner Foundation for the establishment of the Center for Grief & Trauma Therapy at SUNO School of Social Work. This grant award is provided by the City of New Orleans. In addition, Dr. Sanders conducted a September 15, 2020 workshop for the Office of Public Defenders entitled “Overcoming Racism in Client Services: Moving Toward Cultural Proficiency.”

COMMUNITY OUTREACH & UNIVERSITY ADVANCEMENT*Ms. LaVerne Toombs, Interim Chief Administrative Officer***Southern University at New Orleans (SUNO)
Awarded \$10,000 Donation from AT&T Louisiana****New Orleans, Louisiana - September 30, 2020 –**

Southern University at New Orleans (SUNO) is proud to receive a generous donation in the amount of \$10,000.00 from AT&T Louisiana. The donation will be used to help in supporting students through scholarships.

"We have a long history of working with the Southern University System and the SUNO Foundation, and we are proud to work with them to help meet the expanded needs in the community that have resulted from the pandemic," said David J. Aubrey, Regional Vice President, AT&T Louisiana. "Students face many new challenges in this environment, and we are committed to support the SUNO Foundation's efforts to expand opportunities for students in the area."

"Our success is due, in part, to cooperation from generous community partnerships such as AT&T who value our service to our students and invest in our efforts. These funds will provide much-needed scholarship opportunities to deserving students to receive a quality education," said Dr. James Ammons, Interim Chancellor, Southern University at New Orleans.

Corporate support and partnerships with Southern University at New Orleans and the SUNO Foundation have always been critical to moving forward university-wide initiatives including improvements to infrastructure as well as necessary direct and indirect funding to students.

**SUNO's Faculty Senate Elects New Officers**

New Officers were elected by the Southern University at New Orleans (SUNO) Faculty Senate on Friday, September 25, 2020. The Nomination Committee received nine nominees, some of whom declined their nominations, and others were disqualified as their term on the Faculty Senate had expired. Below is the list of newly elected officers:

President: *Prof. Cynthia Ramirez*

Vice President: *Dr. Harry Russell*

Secretary: *Dr. Jill Murray*

Treasurer: *Dr. Sherry Bachus*

COMMUNITY OUTREACH & UNIVERSITY ADVANCEMENT

Ms. LaVerne Toombs, Interim Chief Administrative Officer

Free COVID-19 Testing

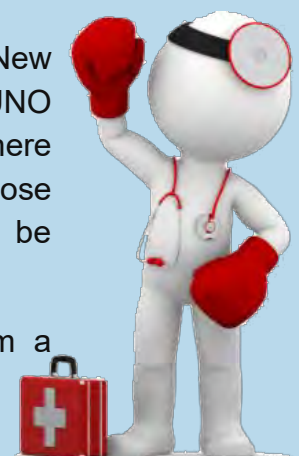
Southern University at New Orleans (SUNO) was pleased to announce it's latest community partnership with the Louisiana National Guard in the ongoing battle against COVID-19. Free testing was made available at the SUNO University Center on September 28-30, 2020, as well as SUNO's Residential Housing on October 1-2, 2020.



Flu Shots on Campus

On Friday, October 23, 2020 and Monday, October 26, 2020 New Orleans East Hospital will be providing Flu Shots to SUNO Employees and Students at the SUNO University Center. There will be no upfront cost for individuals with insurance. Those without insurance will be charged a \$20 fee. Flu shots will be given from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on both days.

Students under 18 years of age will need permission from a parent or guardian.



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Ms. LaVerne Toombs, Interim Chief Administrative Officer

Southern University at New Orleans (SUNO)
Announces Accelerated Fall 2020 Semester



SUNO Billboards Around Town



As viewed from I-10 West at Louisa On-ramp



As viewed from the Pontchartrain Expressway (Eastbound & Westbound)

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