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SUNO School of Nursing Student Awarded Prestigious BET-Black Girl Vitamins Scholarship

NEW ORLEANS, LA — Southern University at New Orleans (SUNO) proudly celebrates the achievement of Twyla Frank, a senior in the School of Nursing, who has been selected as a recipient of the BET-Black Girl Vitamins Scholarship Award—an honor recognizing Black women pursuing excellence in medicine.

Ms. Frank was chosen from a highly competitive pool of healthcare students across all Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). This distinguished award, presented by Black Entertainment Television (BET) in partnership with Essence and Black Girl Vitamins, celebrates academic excellence, resilience, and the vital contributions of Black women in the medical field. This scholarship program is a heartfelt expression of Black Girl Vitamins’ ongoing commitment to changing lives, uplifting communities, and investing in the next generation of healthcare leaders—with every purchase from their customers directly supporting these efforts.

The award will be presented during the Essence Festival of Culture on July 4, 2025, at the Caesars Superdome in New Orleans, a national platform that shines a spotlight on the accomplishments of Black women and Black culture. Ms. Frank will also be featured on BET and Essence’s social media platforms as a scholarship winner.

“We are immensely proud of Ms. Frank and the way she represents SUNO, our School of Nursing, and the future of Black leadership in healthcare,” said Dr. James H. Ammons, Jr., Chancellor of SUNO. “Her achievement reflects not only her dedication, but also the transformative power of education. At SUNO, we transform dreams into degrees—because this is where champions rise.”

Ms. Frank’s recognition underscores SUNO’s continued commitment to preparing students to thrive in high-demand, high-impact careers and amplifying the voices of Black women in medicine.

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About Southern University at New Orleans:

Southern University at New Orleans (SUNO), founded in 1956, is a public historically black university committed to providing quality educational opportunities for the diverse populations of the Greater New Orleans region. As part of the Southern University System, SUNO offers a variety of undergraduate and graduate programs designed to equip students with the knowledge and skills necessary for personal and professional success.

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