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CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

NATIONAL HBCU BRAINTRUST HOSTED BY CONGRESSWOMAN ALMA S. ADAMS



Chancellor Lisa Mims-Devezin was selected by Congresswoman Alma S. Adams as a panelist for the National HBCU Braintrust held in Washington, D.C. on September 21, 2018. The panel featured black women Presidents and Chancellors of Historically Black Colleges and Universities. It was a National Conversation geared towards igniting the power of partnerships between black women executives, black women HBCU Presidents and Chancellors. It also celebrated women of color diversifying America's workforce, in addition to the importance of black women and ensuring a 21st century opportunity to all while helping establish new industry and HBCU partnerships.



Breakfast of Champions Honors Top Grant Writers

Dr. Illya Tietzel, a biology professor, received three top honors Sept. 20 during the 16th annual Breakfast of Champions, which honors those who excel in grant writing and funded proposals each year. Dr. Tietzel was recognized for submitting the most grant proposals in 2017-2018. He also was named the Most Outstanding Researcher and the Most Outstanding Grant Writer.

For the first time, the top grant writers received monetary awards, in addition to plaques and certificates, for their efforts.

The event is sponsored by the Office of Grants and Sponsored Programs, under the auspices of the Office for Research and Strategic Initiatives/Title III Programs.



From left, Dr. Illya Tietzel, Dr. Joe Omojola, Dr. Harry Russell, Dr. Louise Kaltenbaugh.

Below from left, Dr. Cynthia Singleton and Dr. Willie Jones



Breakfast of Champions Continued

Here's a full list of the 2017-2018 grant-writing champions:

Most Submitted Proposals

Dr. Illya Tietzel (7 proposals submitted)

Honorable Mention

Dr. Rebecca Chaisson (4), Dr. Joe Omojola (4),
Dr. Mostafa Elaasar (5)

Most Funded Proposals

Dr. Joe Omojola (4)

Honorable Mention

Dr. Rachid Belmasrou (3), Dr. Rebecca Chaisson (3),
Dr. Brenda Jackson (3), Dr. Mostafa Elaasar (3, with 1
proposal pending), Dr. Illya Tietzel (3, with 2 pro-
posals pending)

Outstanding Contribution to Grantsmanship

For their outstanding efforts and work on institution-
al and college/school funding opportunities:

Dr. Harry Russell

Dr. Willie Jones

Honorable Mention

Mrs. Ada Kwanbunbumpen, Dr. Ben Robertson, Dr.

Sherry Bachus

Exceptional Sponsored Pro- grams and Activities

Dr. Cynthia Singleton, Dr.
Murty Kambhampati, Dr. Joe
Omojola, Dr. Louise Kalten-
baugh – for work on the NSF
Robert Noyce Teaching Scholar-
ship Program Project and \$1.3
million award.

Million Dollar Club

Dr. Cynthia Singleton
Dr. Murty Kambhampati
Dr. Louise Kaltenbaugh
Dr. Joe Omojola
Dr. Brenda Jackson

Largest Single-Funded University-Wide Grant Program

Title III Program –
Dr. Brenda Jackson



Dr. Brenda Jackson



SUNO Delegation Attends Bethany Service

Chancellor Lisa Mims-Devezin spoke at Bethany United Methodist Church Sept. 23 when the administration, faculty, students and alumni attend a worship service. Pastor Joe Connolly welcomed the University delegation and church hosted a reception for guests following the morning service. The Bethany United Methodist Church temporarily housed the University administrators before SUNO opened Sept. 21, 1959.

SGA Hosts A Series of Town Hall Meetings

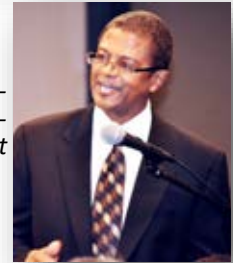


The Student Government Association, led by President Warren Thompson (above far right), hosted a series of town hall meetings this semester to give students an opportunity to express their concerns and ask questions about various departments and policies on campus. The first town hall was in the Millie M. Charles School of Social Work Auditorium Sept. 12.



Director of Dining Services Mickey Cornin answers questions regarding SUNO Dining.

At right, Vice Chancellor of Administration & Finance Jullin Renthrope responds to a student's question about fees.



College of Arts & Sciences

Dr. Evelyn Harrell, Dean

► ADDICTIVE BEHAVIORS COUNSELING AND PREVENTION (ABCP)



The Addictive Behaviors Counseling and Prevention (ABCP) Program and the Students for the Prevention and Education of Substance Abuse hosted Substance Abuse Awareness Week Sept. 24 – 28. Mr. Lloyd Every III, an ABCP major, serves as president of SPESA. This year's theme was "Voices of Recovery: Invest in Health, Home, Recovery, and Community." This annual event featured a proclamation signed by Dr. Lisa Mims Devezin, Chancellor.

Activities presented by the students of SPESA and the ABCP Program included Substance Abuse Awareness Day (SAAD), which featured SUNO graduate Dr. Bernadine Williams, LPC, NCC, LAC, CCS as keynote speaker. Other events included Red Ribbon Day and guest lectures in ABCP classes

from Sandra Encalade, LMSW, LAC; Mr. Leon Jackson, LCSW, BACS; Toccara Jones, LPC, CIT; and Robert Fezekas, LMSW, LAC.

Mrs. Eleanor Anderson was acknowledged for her culinary contributions to SPESA and the ABCP Program. Since Mrs. Anderson was ill, her daughter, Jhitana (pictured at left), received the award. Jhitana Anderson is the vice president of SPESA.

Twenty-three students received Certificates of Completion, which required 18 credits hours in ABCP courses. These students are considered on the clinical tract that meets education requirements to become a counselor in training by the Addictive Disorders Regulatory Authority (ADRA). Ms. Roshall Ruffin also was acknowledged as Ms. SPESA and will participate in the 2018 SUNO Coronation.



Arts & Sciences Continued



Ms. Monique Senette is pictured receiving her certificate with Dr. Travis Johnson, SPESA advisor, and Dr. Evelyn Harrell, ABCP director and dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. Several agency representatives provided information about addiction counseling services.

Dr. Johnson attended a two-day Trauma Competency Conference, featuring trauma expert and author Dr. Robert Rhoton Sept. 24 – 25. Completion of the two-day conference met the educational requirements to become a certified clinical trauma professional. He also attended the monthly meeting of the New Orleans Addiction Professionals Association Sept. 29, which featured a clinical presentation by Mr. Jeff Teachworth, a gestalt therapist, on the topic: “How to Win at Life with a Smile on your Face and the Respect of Others.”

► NATURAL SCIENCES

Five interns in the SUNO-Brookhaven National Laboratories (BNL) program (Trevor McIntosh, Dulaine Vining, Raven Williams, Chelsea Brown and April Harding) successfully completed their research internships. This program is sponsored by LS-LAMP (BNL-CRTP), the Department of Energy (SULI), and the National Science Foundation (Robert Noyce) under the leadership of Dr. Murty Kambhampati. The interns presented their research projects (oral or poster) at the Summer Symposium on Aug. 9 at BNL.

Drs. Kambhampati, Joe Omojola and Phyllis Okwan participated in the annual U.S. Department of Education MSEIP Project Director’s meeting in Washington, D.C. July 29-31, and presented “Best Practices of SUNO STEM Programs.”

On Aug. 8, SUNO was notified of a grant award for “Student Opportunities in Aerospace Related Research at SUNO (SOARS) 2,” in the 2018 LaSPACE HBCU Institutional Scholars (HIS) program. Dr. Illya Tietzel is the PI with Co-Investigators Drs. Mostafa Elaasar, Rachid Belmasrour, and Yi Zhen. This award will allow the team to mentor four students of underrepresented minorities in STEM on projects related to NASA interests.

Dr. Mostafa Elaasar (PI) and Co-Investigators Drs. Rachid Belmasrour, Nebiat Sisay, Tietzel and UNO professor Dr. Vincent Xiaochuan Yu submitted a white paper entitled “Navy-Related Sensing Technology, pre-Engineering and Education for Minorities (NAVY-STEEM)” in response to the NAVY Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) from the Office of Naval Research (ONR) Navy and Marine Corps Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics (STEM) Education and Workforce Program #N00014-18-S-F003.

Dr. Alvin Bopp attended the 256th National Meeting of the American Chemical Society in Boston, MA Aug. 18-22. He participated in several governance activities as councilor of the Louisiana Section. While there, Bopp also spoke with laboratory equipment vendors for needed items in the new Natural Sciences Building and attended technical presentations dealing with analytical chemistry and chemistry at the multidisciplinary interface.

The MSEIP program successfully completed its second External Advisory Committee’s annual evaluation (Sept. 7). The Committee’s comments have been received and are being reviewed for implementation. Dr. Kambhampati is the PI.

Four of Dr. Kambhampati’s summer 2018 mentees’ research abstracts will be presenting posters in November at the 2018 Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students (ABRCMS) in Indianapolis, IN. Dr. Kambhampati also recommended \$65,000 toward MSEIP stipends for 26 STEM majors for the Fall 2018 semester.

Drs. Omojola and Kambhampati reactivated the Undergraduate Research Seminar Series for the Fall 2018 semester highlighting the work of LS-LAMP, DOE, NSF Robert Noyce, and MSEIP 2018 summer research interns.

On Sept. 7, Dr. Tietzel submitted a Letter of Intent to the Research Competitiveness Subprogram of the Louisiana Board of Regents entitled “Microplastic, Microbiome, Host Interactions.”

Arts & Sciences Continued

Dr. Elaasar co-authored two papers. "Direct measurements of the lifetime of medium-heavy hypernuclei," HKS (JLab E02-017) Collaboration, Nuclear Physics A, Volume 973, May 2018, p 116-148. This publication originates from his long-standing collaboration with US Department of Energy's Jefferson Labs.

The second paper is "Precision measurement of the weak charge of the proton." The Jefferson Lab Qweak Collaboration, Nature volume 557, pages 207-211 (2018).

Dr. Elaasar also attended a number of STEM conferences. He attended the inaugural Louisiana STEM Summit on Sept. 7 at the Pennington Biomedical Research Center in Baton Rouge; and the End of the Consortium for Advanced Manufacturing (CAM) meeting at Hampton University Sept. 19-21. Faculty and staff scientists from eight universities and three national labs attended the meeting to discuss the program and benefits.

► HEALTH INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

Ms. Pharissa Robinson attended the AHIMA House of Delegates meeting leading up to the Sept. 24-27 National Committee, which she also attended. On Sept. 19 in collaboration with the College of Business, she submitted an abstract for a Gulf Coast Small Business Hurricane Resiliency Grant that was accepted for full grant submission. Mr. John Barrilleaux attended the LHIMA Committee meeting Sept. 14, as well as the AHIMA House of Delegate meeting leading up to the Sept. 24-27, 2018 National Committee.

On Sept. 7, Ms. Laura Douresseaux submitted comments to AHIMA Outpatient Toolkit, which will be published in an upcoming AHIMA Journal. She also attended the LHIMA Committee meeting on Sept. 14 and the AHIMA House of Delegate meeting.

► MUSEUM STUDIES

Research/ Presentations

Dr. Haitham Eid presented two sessions titled "Diversity and Inclusion Practices in Museums and Their Impact on Museum Work" and "Museum-University Collaboration: Creating a Lasting Impact in the Community" at the Louisiana Association of Museums Conference in Baton Rouge Sept. 9 - 11. Museum Studies graduate and owner of Community Book Center, Ms. Vera Warren-Williams, as well as Jennifer Williams, Youth & Family Programs

Manager at New Orleans Museum of Art co-presented the first session. The second session was co-presented with Mr. Greg Lambousy, director of New Orleans Jazz Museum and Museum Studies adjunct professor.



Dr. Eid attended and presented at Architecting Sustainable Futures for Community-Based Archives Seminar at the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities Sept. 13 - 14. The seminar was sponsored by the Andrew Mellon Foundation and organized by Shif.

Dr. Eid was selected among 29 other international museum professionals and scholars to be on the Program Committee for MW19 Conference in Boston next year). The conference is the largest gathering of museum professionals, policy makers and academics interested in the intersection of technology and museums.

Dr. Sara Hollis attended the film, "Sembene," about the Senegal filmmaker Ousmane Sembéne at the New Orleans Museum of Art. In the 1970's, Dr. Hollis gave a major lecture at the New Orleans Museum of Art in connection with the Contemporary Art of Senegal Exhibition there. She arranged to have several of Sembéne's films shown at SUNO. The filmmaker also gave a lecture at SUNO.

Arts & Sciences Continued

Campus

Dr. Eid was elected president of the Faculty Senate.

Dr. Hollis received an award and Dr. Eid accepted recognition of his father's memory who donated one of his artworks to the Center for African and African American Studies in 2007. The two were honored during the Center's Donor Appreciation Reception Sept. 28.

Community

Dr. Hollis attended the exhibition opening of New Orleans: 300 Years, 30 Artists at the 2nd Story Gallery Sept. 8. She also attended the September Coffee meeting Sept. 12 at the Joan Mitchell Center. She met with the national director of the Joan Mitchell Foundation visiting from New York to discuss the two grants that M.A. Museum Studies received from the Foundation.

On Sept. 14th, Dr. Hollis attended the opening of a new photography exhibition at the New Orleans Museum of Art, which documents the history of photography collection at the New Orleans Museum of Art. On Sept. 17, she represented SUNO at the Rosary and Funeral for Mrs. Florence Borders, former archivist for the Center for African and African American Studies.

College of Business & Public Administration

Dr. Igwe Udeh, Dean

► ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE INITIATIVES

Public Administration Department Passes Periodic Program Review with Flying Colors

The on-campus phase of the Third Public Administration Periodic Program Review was complete Sept. 11. The External Reviewer was Dr. Gedeon Mudacuruma, professor of Public Administration (retired), Cheyney University of Pennsylvania. The Periodic Program Review is mandated by the La. Board of Regents for programs that do not have discipline-specific national accreditation bodies. The review's purpose is to ensure that these programs maintain the highest quality and academic excellence. The previous Public Administration review was conducted in 2013.

Prior to the recent on-campus visit, the external evaluator received detailed program reports prepared by the Public Administration faculty, the CBA Office of Student Services and the Office of the Dean of the College of Business & Public Administration. The report provided details on the program's strategic plan, curriculum, faculty qualifications, program resources, program outcomes assessment results and alignment with the University mission. The external reviewer concluded that the BA-Public Administration is a quality program, and commended the department for providing excellent education and support to students. Several opportunities for improvement also were listed. The faculty and staff are reviewing them for adoption and implementation.

CBA Faculty and Students Attend Financial Leadership Conference



The 11th Annual Financial Literacy Leadership Conference of the Society for Financial Education and Professional Development (SFE&PD) was at the J.W. Marriott Hotel Sept. 13-14. The theme was "Wealth: Paying Your Way Forward." The conference brought together speakers and experts from the Federal Reserve Bank, Wells Fargo Bank, Louisiana Office of Financial Institutions, Sanford Institute of Philanthropy Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, Carver Federal Savings Bank of NY, FINRA Investor Education Foundation, AARP, Freddie Mac, and ALLY Financial, to name a few organizations. Faculty members and staff from Southern University Baton Rouge, North Carolina A&T University, Jackson State University, Iowa State University, Auburn University, and University of Georgia attended the conference either as participants or presenters.

Business Continued

Dr. Igwe Udeh, dean of the College of the College of Business & Public Administration, served as the chair of Workshop VII: “Flags of Fraud and Investor Protection,” which was presented by Christine Kieffer, senior director, FINRA Investor Education Foundation.

The conference took an in-depth look at the accumulation and retention of wealth as well as the opportunities and challenges of maximizing financial resources for individuals and families. New financial knowledge was presented, including how to share financial information with consumers and students. Extensively discussed was the impact of higher educational loans on borrowers as well as the impact on students’ ability to become financially independent. Some strategies for minimizing and/or managing student loans were presented.



Many SUNO Business Administration seniors, including Rakie Harris, Nicholas Phillips, Omar Ebanks and Shantel Tate attended the conference, along with CBA faculty and staff: Mrs. Timotea Bailey, director of Student Services; Dr. Yun Doo Lee, assistant professor of Business; Dr. Krishna Poudel, assistant professor of Business; and Dr. Simeon Okpechi, professor of Accounting.

OSS Hosts Fall 2018 Orientation for New and Transfer CBA Students



The Office of Student Services (OSS), under the leadership of Mrs. Timotea Bailey, hosted the Fall 2018 Orientation for New and Transfer CBA Students Sept. 19. During the session, students were introduced to CBA leadership and faculty; and empowered with information to guide them in successfully navigating their curriculum and academic life by representatives from the Center for Comprehensive Communication (tutoring), the Leonard S. Washington Memorial Library and the E-Learning Department. Several questions were fielded and valuable tips for dealing with recurrent issues were shared.

The CBA Dean used the opportunity to share with the students the uniqueness of the CBA as an AACSB International accredited program, and to inform them of their roles in ensuring the sustainability of that accreditation. The Dean and the CBA employees encouraged the students to leverage the value of AACSB accreditation as well as the knowledge and expertise of their faculty and staff into successful careers and a great quality of life.

► OUTREACH TO STUDENTS & COMMUNITY

CBA Student Organization Leaders Meet to Map Out 2018-2019 Activities

The CBA Office of Student Services called a meeting of the CBA Student Leadership Committee Sept. 12 to welcome the 2018-2019 leaders of various CBA-based student organizations, including National Black MBA Association, ISACA, Public Administration Association, Beta Gamma Sigma, Phi Beta Lambda and CIS Club. During the meeting, the student leaders were presented with the CBA calendar and asked to fit club activities within designated days, when possible.

Each leader gave an update on activities and events planned for their respective clubs as well as indicated any need for assistance. Mrs. Timotea Bailey, director of Student Services, charged the leaders to aspire for excellence, visibility and greater engagement on and off campus. The club advisors pledged to work closely with each other and to plan joint events whenever possible. CBA Dean Igwe Udeh thanked the leaders for their willingness to sacrifice their time and resources in service of students and the University.

Business Continued

African American Affairs Director of the Philos Project Speaks at the CBA



With the help of SGA President Warren Thompson, Ms. Kristina King presented a brief overview of the State of Israel as well as Israel travel opportunities to CBA students, faculty and staff Sept. 27. The seminar informed students about potential funding opportunities for short-term trips to Israel as well as the potential learning outcomes associated with the trips.

She indicated that there was a special provision for students who wish to travel to Israel, but that students must have a valid American passport, be open-minded and be willing to engage individuals from various backgrounds. Ms. King is the African American Affairs director of the Philos Project. She pioneered the African American Outreach programs for the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPACV) and the International Fellowship of Christians and Jews (IFCJ). She came to SUNO to share this opportunity and to connect with those who wish to participate in the program. Mr. Thompson is a local contact for the Philos Project.

► SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT & MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE

Louisiana Notary Prep Classes; September 6,11,13,18,20, 25, & 27; Class meet twice a week, Tuesday and Thursday; participants prepare to sit for the Louisiana Notary Examination at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge Dec. 1, 2018. There were seven participants.

Institute Director Cynthia Beaulieu and Business Advisor Diana Thomas met to plan three Start-Up workshops to gain clients for SBDMI upcoming trainings and seminars: Notary, Claims Adjuster, Quick Books and Entrepreneurial trainings.

The FastTrac Claims Adjuster Training was Sept. 21-23. The 17 Participants were prepared to take the Louisiana Claims Adjuster test, which qualifies them for licensing in other states.

The Louisiana Economic Development (LED) Peer-to-Peer Roundtable was Sept. 27, the second of 10 sessions with 111 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 guests discuss access to new and innovative business and business growth; Ms. Irma Dixon was the facilitator. The guest speaker was Ms. Angela Fassitt, A-fast Business Solutions.

The Next Level Entrepreneurial Training Classes were Sept. 17, 19, 24 & 26. Nine participants took the 10 classes to learn how to write a business plan. Ms. Angel VonDerPool taught the class.

► Office of Student Services (OSS)

Ms. Timotea Bailey, director of the Office of Student Services, updated the retention/graduation rate data for active CBA cohort students. The data shows that 47 percent of 2017 CBA cohort students are retained and 27 percent of 2013 cohort students are expected to graduate. A total of 14 cohort students from 2013, 2014 and 2015 are expected to graduate.

Ms. Bailey pre-screened approximately 300 students for potential graduation and has prepared graduation application packets for approximately 102 eligible graduates. She also was named the DXC Technology recruiting coordinator.

The office recommended a draft of a curriculum that would allow students to earned degrees in Computer Information Systems and Mathematics to boost the number of completers in both programs.

School of Social Work

Dr. Rebecca Chaisson, Dean

The School of Social Work recently hired a full-time director of Internship and a field liaison for the Internship program. These two Social Workers have hit the ground running as Professor Edgar Blanchard returned to full-time faculty. A big thank you to Professor Edgar Blanchard who worked tirelessly over the past 15 months to maintain the internship program as interim director of Field Education.

Field education or the internship experience is the heart of social work education as it is the location of applied theory and research. The outcome of the field experience is used as a critical indicator of behavioral competencies and dimensions required for reaffirmation by the Council on Social Work Education. (CSWE) Currently, the School of Social Work has 214 MSW students enjoying the internship experience. There are 33 BSW students registered in the internship course in their last semester.

In addition to the importance of learning by doing, the contribution to the local and regional community based on the U.S. Independent Sector's value of volunteer time is \$1.4 million per semester. This figure illustrates the contribution of the Southern University at New Orleans School of Social Work in our local and regional communities. Students are required to spend 225 hours per semester in each internship course.

► CAMILLE ALEXANDER, MSW DIRECTOR OF GRADUATE ADMISSIONS

The School of Social Work Graduate Admissions Office admitted a total of 88 students for the fall 2018 semester. This semester 81 students are enrolled, including 68 full-time and 13 part-time students. The remaining seven students chose to defer their enrollment to Spring 2019. The additional 81 students bring the MSW population to 237, while the current undergraduate enrollment is 179. The school appreciates the opportunity to prepare 416 students for careers in social work.

► CLAUDE MONTEGUT, INTERIM DIRECTOR OF BSW PROGRAM

On Sept. 28, the BSW Program has its Seminar for Majors, with 80 students in attendance. The seminar provided students information about an array of University departments and resources.

► MELISSA HALEY, MSW

MSW students demonstrated their knowledge in Administration, Planning and Organizing I. The students are utilizing visual learning techniques to reinforce complex theories in Human Rights, Economic, Social and Environmental Justice. This course affords student the opportunity to analyze history, policy and structure of systems that impact communities and cultural. Students in the APO I course taught by Melissa Haley, MSW, adjunct professor, practice analyzing complex issues related to civility and feminism. Both of these issues are currently discussed in the national and global media. Ms. Haley also

serves as the Vice-President of the National Association of Black Social Workers, where she has been involved in social justice for more than 20 years.



► IRA NEIGHBORS, DSW, LCSW -MILLIE M. CHARLES ENDOWED CHAIR IN SOCIAL WORK AND HUMAN RIGHTS

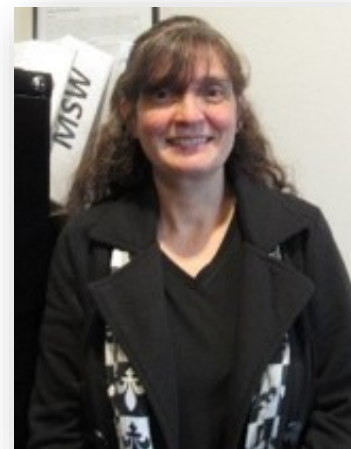
Dr. Ira Neighbors facilitated and showcased a Men's Conference Sept. 14 -15^h at Watson Memorial Church, with Dr. Torin Sanders and Victor Sims presenting as panelists. On Sept. 28, he discussed the importance of joining the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) to BSW students during the BSW Seminar class. During that same event, as a representative member of the National Association of Black Social Workers (NOABSW), Dr. Neighbors encouraged students to become involved in the Student Chapter of NOABSW.

Social Work Continued

Dr. Neighbors set up a mini-library or book nook resource as the Millie M. Charles Endowed Chair in Social Work and Human Rights. These resources are for students interested in enhancing their knowledge about Black Social Work thought and Forensic Social Work issues and practice. It is located adjacent to his office in the Millie M. Charles School of Social Work Building, Room 257. He encourages students to borrow books, which they check out at his office.

► CATHERINE KALOB, MSW

Catherin Kalob is the new director of Field Education in the School of Social Work. She completed her Bachelor's degree at Loyola University and her MSW degree at the SUNO School of Social Work. She worked for several years in New Orleans at Hope House Inc. in the Transitional Housing Program for Homeless Families, and also at House of Ruth Inc. Ms. Kalob was part of the original steering committee which formed Unity for the Homeless in New Orleans. She taught as an adjunct instructor at Loyola University, and worked in conjunction with Loyola University Community Action Program (LUCAP) and the Sociology Department to create internships for students studying Sociology and Social Work. She volunteered with Sr. Helen Prejean, CSJ in efforts to educate the public about the death penalty in Louisiana and in other states across the U.S. Most recently, she has been teaching Social Work at New England College in Henniker, NH, where she developed and strengthened the Field Practicum and Field Seminar courses within the program. Ms. Kalob organized a group of her Social Work Field students to study and serve in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina.



She has a passion for Field Education in Social Work because it allows her to have the great privilege of preparing students for the profession of Social Work providing hands-on experiences that connect the classroom to the community. Additionally, she has worked with organizations, such as the National Alliance of the Mentally Ill (NAMI), the Children's Trust and Strengthening Families. She is excited to be back home in New Orleans and considers it a privilege to have the opportunity to make a difference at SUNO!

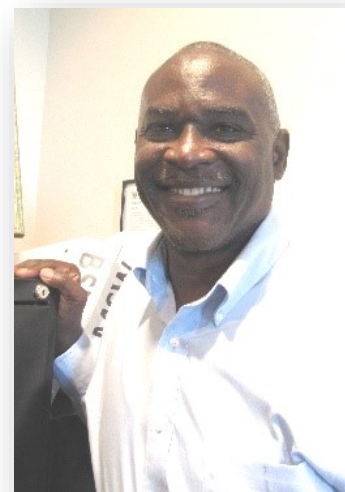
► ROBERT SEVALIA, MSW, LCSW, BACS

"Chose a job you love, and you will never have to work a day in your life." ... Confucius.

"I find that the Field Liaison Position aligns well with my professional background. It also speaks to what I am passionate about: educating and supporting the professional development of future social workers."

These words express the sentiment that Professor Robert Sevalia brings to SUNO.

He is a licensed clinical social worker and a board approved clinical supervisor with more than 25 years of administrative and clinical social work practice. Mr. Sevalia has an extensive background in non-profit management, program development and service delivery. He has worked with a diverse group of programs and clients including maternal child health, homeless, HIV/AIDS, adolescents and substance abuse populations.



Throughout his professional career, Mr. Sevalia has developed, implemented and provided oversight for several local, state and federal initiatives aimed at addressing health disparities in vulnerable and underserved communities. He has served as an adjunct faculty at SUNO School of Social Work since 2011.

Social Work Continued

Professor Sevalia completed his master's degree in Social Work from Southern University at New Orleans School of Social Work in 1996, specializing in Children, Youth & Family and Administration, Planning and Organizing. He is committed to enhancing the field unit while preparing students to become competent social workers in the local and regional community.

► FIELD REPORT

Catherin Kalob and Robert Sevalia are aligning the field internship more succinctly with the new CSWE standards while they examine the future of social work education, especially in the area of field education. They are in the process of assessing the current strengths of the Internship Program and evaluating growth opportunities. While Ms. Kalob has oversight for the MSW and BSW programs, Mr. Sevalia is the field liaison for the MSW program. He is organizing field internships sites geographically, and they both plan to organize an accurate data base of internship partners. They are eager to give to SUNO and to showcase an internship experience for students consistent with the values of the profession and consistent with the NASW and NABSSW code of ethics.

► HARRY RUSSELL, PH.D., LMSW

Dr. Harry Russell continues to work on the process and content for the CSWE accreditation. He met with junior and senior faculty wanting refresher information. He presented information about the explicit and implicit curriculum standards and is guiding a restructured format and common content of the syllabi. He continues to work with the research committee to restructure the sequence and course descriptions.

Dr. Russell is revising the research sequence becausee is an anticipated additional research course that could broaden the scope of terminal projects. He is working to link this new course with changes to the handbook that inform revisions in the School of Graduate Studies. Graduate Studies, Academic Affairs, and Deans and directors of campus graduate programs are now engaged in the numerous revisions.

The Graduate Council has been reconstituted and had its first meeting Sept. 26 with upcoming meetings scheduled Oct. 18 and Nov. 15. He has been working with Dean Chaisson and Mrs. Alexander on the revisions to the School of Social Work Handbook. Finally, changes to the admissions process are forth coming as the University seeks to upgrade the online admissions process while seeking to streamline and make enrollment more efficient.

Dr. Russell serves on the University Curriculum Committee as recording secretary.

► TITLE IV-E

Dean Rebecca Chaisson and Mrs. Camille Alexander organized and conducted interviews for the selection of three additional Title IV-E scholars for the 2018-2019 academic year. The scholars then went through a rigorous interview by Division of Children and Family Services (DCFS). Dean Chaisson and Mrs. Alexander also scheduled a meeting of scholars selected during the Spring Semester 2018.

Dean Chaisson, Mrs. Alexander and Dr. Gail Wise continue to work with DCFS supervisors to expedite active placement of students. Mrs. Alexander processes all financial aid documents for the students and the employee support program scholars.

There are 11 Title IV E Scholars. The four BSW scholars are Andrea Clark, Davianna Dalton, Tamera Sinegal, and Leslie Zuppardo. The MSW scholars are Heather Bell, Johnice Kennedy, Jenifer Robinson, Kellie Sauls. The Employee Education Support Participants are Rachel Derouen, Jocelyn Ingram and Kierra Young. The Employee Education Support participants are all pursuing the MSW degree at SUNO.

Student Affairs

Dr. Donna Grant, Vice Chancellor

► STUDENT DEVELOPMENT CENTER



This year's annual Community Service Volunteer Fair was nothing short of fantastic. The annual event hosted by the Student Development Center gives all students an opportunity to meet and speak with area agency representatives to discuss possible volunteer opportunities. Sixteen diverse agencies were represented with services that ranged from hospice care to social justice. Many students walked away motivated and excited at the prospect of helping others.

"Shaping lives, Developing minds, and Creating wellness" is the motto of the Student Development Center. In keeping with this motto, community service is key in developing the entire student. The University requires that all undergraduate students complete

60 hours of community service prior to graduation. This requirement is separate and apart from academic requirements in a student's field of study. Giving back to the community develops civic-minded students by exposing them to areas outside of their comfort zone and fosters within them the importance of "giving back" without seeking anything in return. Students interested in learning more about available volunteer opportunities, please contact Community Service Coordinator Sheridan X. Cooper at 504-286-5362.

► STUDENT LEADERS



State Senator Troy Carter (left) gives Miss SUNO Nykia McCray the oath of office as SGA President Warren Thompson holds the Bible and Associate Vice Chancellor Wesley Bishop holds the mike at the Installation of Student Officers Sept. 10.

Community Outreach/Alumni Affairs/Public Relations

Mrs. Gloria B. Moultrie, Chief Administrative Officer

► ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Special Agent Orlan D. Streams is the Public Affairs & Outreach officer for the Houston Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). He started with the FBI March 13, 2008. Following graduation from the FBI Academy, he was assigned to the Houston Division, where he initially was assigned to Counterintelligence, focused on Latin America and Eurasia.

After completing the assignment in Counterintelligence, Special Agent Streams was assigned to the Houston Cyber Division Eurasia Counter Intel section, where he investigated and gathered intelligence on International Cyber Intrusion for the past four years.

Special Agent Streams graduated from Southern University at New Orleans in 2004 with a Bachelor's of Science in Computer Information Systems. He also has an Associate Degree in Technology from Pierce College in Tacoma, WA. After completing basic training in 1993 at Lackland Air Force Base (AFB), Special Agent Streams trained in Computer Information Systems at Keesler AFB Biloxi, MS. His following assignment was in McChord/Ft. Lewis Joint Air Base, Tacoma WA as network administrator.



From 1996-1997, he participated in Desert Watch Desert Shield where he worked as again as a network administrator in Saudi Arabia. He was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Air Force through the Academy of Military Science, McGhee Tyson Air National Guard Base, Knoxville, TN. Special Agent Streams is assigned to the 159th Fighter Wing Louisiana Air National Guard as a Cyberspace Operations Officer at Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Belle Chasse. He was promoted to Captain in 2011. Presently, he is acting commander of the 214th Engineering Installation Squadron.

In 2013, Special Agent Streams deployed to Bagram Air Base in Afghanistan as a Lead Engineer assigned to the 355th Army "TASK FORCE SIGNAL" supporting all DOD and civilian installation and maintenance of network infrastructure throughout Afghanistan. In 2014, he was received the Bronze Star for his role in Operation Enduring Freedom while in Afghanistan.